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- LDN INTERVIEW BROADCAST TRANSCRIPT -

A LONDON WOMAN IS SPEARHEADING A CAMPAIGN TO GET A DRUG USED TO TREAT HEROIN ADDICTS INTO CLINICAL TRIALS FOR MS.

HER NAME HEADS UP A WORLDWIDE PETITION.

HEALTH SPECIALISH KATHY WALLIS TELLS US MORE.

Kathy: Marg Zanin has lived with multiple sclerosis for 33 years. About 10 years ago she was told it was the kind without remissions. The former registered nurse and her husband Harry were also told conventional treatments really wouldn't help.

Marg: Just generally looking at what my neurologist said with regards to my secondary progressive MS, that there was not a lot of benefit I would get from them [conventional treatments] and as an alternative I thought it would be good to look at some possibilities to keep my everyday life going.

Kathy: She discovered a transdermal cream consisting of caffeine and histamine called Prokarin. She gets it from Toronto under doctor's approval, at a cost of \$375 CA dollars a month.

Marg: Fatigue perhaps improved immediately. I had a lot of numbness in my legs...in three days I noticed a difference.

Kathy: Then in December she started LDN, Low Dose Naltrexone.

Kathy: Naltrexone has been used for a long time to treat heroin addicts. It blocks the receptors in the brain. But whereas an addict would get a dose of between 50 to 150 milligrams a day, Marg is on a very low dose, 4.5 milligrams.

Kathy: Marg says it's helping her spasms, and she's not going to wait for Health Canada to say what's best.

Marg: I think everyone has to take the situation individually. It's going to work for some and not for others so it's absolutely imperative that you do your research. Get the support of your GP and or neurologist because you want to make sure it's absolutely safe.

Kathy: In London, Kathy Wallis, News Now.