You have just read some of the FACTS (Truth) about Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT) as presented in the FDA Executive Summary.

You also read about some of the "Opinions" stated in the booklet; "What you should know about ELECTROCONVULSIVE THERAPY (ECT), published by Channing Bete Company, Inc. - 2009 Edition - Printed in U.S.A. - Channing Bete Company - One Community Place - South Deerfield, MA 01373. The booklet was obtained from Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49501 - ECT & TMS Clinic (616) 281-6341

For more conclusive reports on the 'truth" about electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) see:

www.ectresources.org/
www.ectjustice.com
www.mindfreedom.org
www.wildestcolts.com
http://www.laurentenney.us/
www.psychrights.org
madinamerica.com
fda.gov/medwatch
http://www.professionalsagainstect.com

http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=FDA-2009-N-0392-0288

http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=FDA-2009-N-0392-0873

http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketBrowser;rpp=25;po=300;D=FDA-2009-N-0392

http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AdvisoryCommitees/CommitteesMeetingMaterials/MedicalDevices/MedicalDevicesAdvisoryCommittee/NeurologicalDevicesPanel/UCM291566.pdf

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OPINION SAYS: ECT does not cause permanent memory loss.

TRUTH SAYS: ECT has been known to cause permanent memory loss, both short-term and long-term, disability and even death. Refer to the FDA Executive Summary.

[UPDATE 09/22/2014]: Electroconvulsive Therapy is also used for the following medical conditions: Alzheimer's disease, Chronic pain, Dementia, Mental retardation, Parkinson's disease and Post-partum depression (psychosis)

This brochure is our invesment in your well being!

NOTE: The FDA Executive Summary was

Prepared for the
January 27-28, 2011 meeting of the
Neurological Devices Advisosry Panel

Meeting to Discuss the Classification of
Electroconvulsive Therapy Devices (ECT)

After two long days of testimony before the FDA Neurological Devices Advisory Panel, the Panel's recommendation was: Maintain the Electroshock Device in Class III (3) (dangerous).

This recommendation calls for PMA's (premarket analysis) by manufacturers of the electroshock device to prove Safety and Efficacy. The FDA can choose to accept or reject the recommendation by its Advisory Panel. The electroconvulsive therapy device remains in Class III (dangerous) until the FDA rules on reclassification.

NOTE: To read the FDA Executive Summary PDF in it's entirety, Google:

ECT 515(i) Executive Summary

or use the following Web address

http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AdvisoryCommitees/CommitteesMeetingMaterials/MedicalDevicesAdvisoryCommittee/NeurologicalDevicesPanel/UCM240933.pdf

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QUOTE: "An Investment in Knowledge pays the best interest." - Benjamin Franklin -

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"Gray Matter" does matter!

Quote: "The goal of education is the advancement of knowledge and the dissemination of Truth!" - John F. Kennedy -

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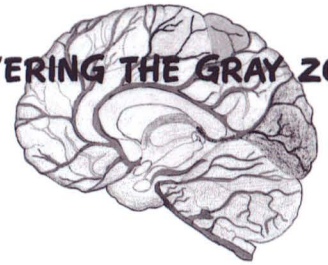

What many psychiatrists are saying about Electroconvulsive Therapy

- IN BOLD CONTRAST TO -

FDA
ECT 515(i) Executive Summary
[Docket No. FDA-2009-M-0101]

[Note the following statement: There's an exception to every rule; while this brochure refers to the booklet distributed by Pine Rest of Grand Rapids, MI as one resource, not all psychiatrists are in agreement with the **opinion** presented in the booklet. The medical symbol with, * The booklet states; confirms that's where the information was obtained. The ClipArt with, * Fact: FDA Executive Summary; confirms the source as well. Exact words are identified with quotation marks.]

?? QUESTION ??

Are you being asked to consider undergoing the psychiatric procedure of electroshock, commonly referred to as electro-convulsive therapy, ECT? If so please consider the following information and educate yourself before signing an "informed consent" to treat with ECT. Ask questions, get answers!

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* The booklet states; "it's a "Myth" that ECT causes permanent memory loss." It goes on to say; "Studies show that a permanent inability to form new memories is highly unlikely. Some difficulty remembering events surrounding the period of ECT is common, but most of these memories usually return weeks or months after ECT stops."

[NOTE: The information in the booklet does not address the memories that existed prior to ECT, only that inability to form new memories after ECT is highly unlikely.]

* FACT: FDA Executive Summary, January 2011 states that two (2) U.S. manufacturers responded to their request for comment with the following information about memory loss: "Cognitive adverse events include: Short-term confusion, Short-term memory loss, Long-term (persistent or permanent) memory loss, Risk of everyday or semantic memory loss.

[NOTE: Research shows there is no evidence that clinical trials have been done to study the long-term effects of electroconvulsive therapy (ECT).]

* The booklet states: "it's a "Myth" that ECT is painful". It goes on to say; "During the procedure, the patient sleeps peacefully and feels no discomfort. Some patients may feel nauseated or have a headache when they wake up. These feelings usually pass within 30 to 60 minutes and can be treated with medication, if needed."

* FACT: FDA Executive Summary page 16: "The identified risks, grouped according to affected system, are presented below; Pain and somatic discomfort may manifest as headaches, somatic pains, myalgias (muscle aches) or dizziness. Prolonged pain and discomfort may be treated with analgesic medication".

[NOTE: Somatic or Soma means: 1) of the body; corporeal; physical; in other words the whole body is affected when ECT is administered.

Myalgia defined: 1) Muscular rheumatism. 2) Muscle pain, (Webster's University Dictionary - Second Edition). In other words, if you consider the word Soma with Myalgia, you have muscle pain that effects the entire body. FDA downplays myalgias as muscle aches.]

* The booklet states; "it's a "Myth" that ECT causes brain damage." It goes on to say; "There is no scientific evidence that ECT causes brain damage."

* FACT: FDA Executive Summary Draft - Required contents of manufacturer submissions included: indications for use, device description, device labeling, risks, alternative practices and procedures, summary of preclinical and clinical data, and a bibliography. Report from the Manufacturer Docket Submissions is as follows: "The two U.S. manufacturers of the electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) device, METCA and Somatics, reported the following potential risks: Prolonged seizures, Cardiac arrhythmias, complications of pre-existing medical conditions, Death, Brain Damage (including structural injury, brain cell injury, (Brain stem rupture or hyppocampal damage), Cognitive adverse events such as: Short-term confusion, Short-term memory loss, Long-term (persistent or permanent) memory loss, Risk of everyday or semantic memory loss, Skin burns, Electrical hazards (including risk of excessive dose administration)."

[NOTE: Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT) by definition describes a Grand Mal Seizure. A Grand Mal Seizure effects the entire brain making it the most severe of seizure types. ECT causes head trauma resulting in a Grand Mal Seizure and death to cells in the frontal lobe OR the brains memory bank.]

* FACT: FDA Executive Summary of January 2011 states that potentially significant adverse events associated with ECT include: physical trauma, fractures, cardiac ischemia, cardiac arrhythmias, prolonged apena (lack of oxygen) and death. Other adverse events are noted such as; Treatment-emergent Mania, Exacerbation of psychiatric symptoms and/or negative subjective reactions such as Headache, Muscle soreness (Pain), Nausea and Vomiting.)

[NOTE: The shock device was already being marketed prior to 1976. It is estimated that 100,000 individuals receive ECT annually (Hermann et al. 1995). If that number is multiplied by just 12 treatments (two series of 6 shocks) per individual, the number would reach 1,200,000 shocks occurring each year by using the 1995 estimate. It is common for the shocks to be administered in several series of 6 to 12 treatments. When maintenance ECT is recommended it is usually administered at two-week intervals and often for life.]