

# Joe's Story

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## Searching for a Solution: An Engineer takes corrective action...on his health!

As an engineer we find problems. In order to correct the problem, you have to find the root cause. Within that root cause, we find the corrective action. The same can be done in healthcare.

I have always had the attitude of “do what you need to do, then find time to enjoy things.” But a few years ago, I started having some unusual symptoms that tested my belief. I always enjoyed physical activities like playing golf, bowling and doing odd jobs around the house. I was most excited about the prospect of teaching my grandson how to play baseball. My father was my little league coach when I was a kid, and I wanted to try to give a similar opportunity to my grandson. But my activities, my dreams, suddenly stopped when my symptoms started. I went to see a doctor, who ran many tests. For months my doctor and his team attempted to pinpoint the problem, trying different medications to see what worked. I was frustrated because I wanted to take the approach of “manage my symptoms and move on.” But, unfortunately, that didn't happen quickly.

My healthcare team worked tirelessly to find a diagnosis that would help me get the treatment and relief I needed. Eventually, my doctor referred me to a specialist who was able to diagnose me, share a great deal of knowledge about my specific disease and put me on a treatment plan that worked.

The lesson I learned was don't be afraid to work with your healthcare team to determine exactly what you need.

Now, I can enjoy many of the activities I was forced to stop. And I have renewed hope that I will be able to teach my grandson how to play baseball.

Thank you to the people at companies like Mallinckrodt for making medicines that make a difference in my life.

- Joe A.

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Joe A., actual patient

