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## CBD Transforms Life of Florida Girl with Seizures



As parents, we always want what is best for our children, and are willing to go above and beyond what we even think is possible to keep them safe, healthy, and happy. When life presents the unexpected, parents can find themselves in completely uncharted waters. Mary's story is one of a family who unexpectedly encountered rough seas and their commitment to finding the help they needed to steer them safely back to shore.

Mary was a happy, healthy toddler until age 3-½ when she began having seizures. In February 2017, Mary was transported to the hospital and admitted to the pediatric ICU, where she was administered seizure medication and put on an EEG machine because they could not get her seizures to stop; she was in status epilepticus.

The doctors ultimately diagnosed Mary with Double Cortex Syndrome (also called Subcortical Band Heterotopia), a very rare neurological syndrome. Mary had experienced some delays since birth, could be very irritable, and had major sleep issues; however, it wasn't until the seizures started that her family finally got some answers.

Immediately after being diagnosed at the hospital,

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About  
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Dr. David Berger ("Dr. David"), a Board Certified Pediatrician with over 20 years of experience as a clinician, has developed a national reputation in wholistic pediatric primary care. Dr. David is considered Tampa Bay area's leading authority on medical cannabis for adults and children and is one of the nation's most experienced pediatricians using medical cannabis to help facilitate the treatment of children with chronic conditions.

Dr. David graduated from The Medical College of Pennsylvania in 1994 and completed his pediatric residency at the University of South Florida/Tampa General Hospital where he first began utilizing wholistic therapies. Dr. David has been in private practice since 1997 and in 2005 opened Wholistic Pediatrics & Family Care, his medical practice in Tampa, Florida. In 2010, Dr. David was appointed Assistant Professor at the University of South Florida College of Nursing. In 2016, he launched Wholistic ReLeaf to help qualified patients become certified to use medical cannabis.

Mary's parents decided to try a more holistic and natural approach to treat her condition, as opposed to placing her on seizure medications. Mary's mother knew the medical staff thought they were crazy for wanting to take her home medication-free after her seizures were under control. The hospital staff ultimately approved Mary's release as long as the parents carried rescue seizure medication with them at all times. Mary's parents believe they were given more autonomy over this decision because Mary's father, Andrew, is a firefighter and her mother, Rebekah, is a Registered Nurse.

Mary's mom was clear in her approach, "It is definitely a daily, even hourly, struggle with all the issues that come with Double Cortex Syndrome; however, we will do everything that we can for our little girl."

When Mary returned home from the hospital, her parents began changing environmental factors, even turning off their home Wi-Fi. They also started to do extensive research on Mary's condition and possible alternative therapies, including CBD therapy. They discovered that Double Cortex Syndrome is extremely difficult to treat with seizure medications and, despite being on multiple seizure medications, many children with this condition continue to have seizures on a regular basis.

Through their network of friends, Mary's parents were referred to Dr. David Berger, Florida's most renowned pediatrician who uses medical cannabis to treat children.

Mary did extremely well on low-dose CBD with no other medications for over two years! Her parents only had to give her the rescue seizure medications a handful of times, and that was when she was ill with a fever.

Mary is not alone in benefiting from cannabis treatment through Dr. Berger's Wholistic ReLeaf medical cannabis clinic. "It is so wonderful patients like Mary can get such clear benefit from CBD without all the side



*The O'Brien Family*

effects associated with anti-seizures medications. We have seen this type of improvement in many patients we treat with CBD," says Dr. Berger.

Mary, who is now in school in a mainstream kindergarten class, is doing well. Her parents hope by sticking with a more natural approach, her chances of developing into a healthy and happy young girl will be much improved.



Wholistic ReLeaf, founded in 2016 by Dr. David Berger of Wholistic Pediatric and Family Care, empowers families and patients to choose the best treatment approach available for their medical condition. The mission of Wholistic ReLeaf is to evaluate and certify qualified patients who meet the State of Florida legal requirements for receiving medical cannabis and provide medical cannabis management and dosing consultations to patients certified by other Florida physicians. Wholistic ReLeaf is committed to providing patients with the best possible care, while also complying with the ever-shifting legal landscape of medical cannabis in the State of Florida.

For more information about the transformative effects of medical cannabis, or to find out if you or someone you know may be eligible to use medical cannabis as part of a customized treatment plan, visit [WholisticReLeaf.com](http://WholisticReLeaf.com).