

Letter 71
New Medicine
2012-02-14

Dear Dan,

In the middle of last month, January 2012, I saw another doctor (a specialist) at the recommendation of my regular physician. This new doctor ordered x-rays, an MRI, and prescribed two new medications, one a muscle relaxant and the other a nerve pain suppressant.

The x-ray and MRI revealed that my lower spine has deteriorated quite a bit from 2009, when I had an MRI done for my L&I claim mentioned in Letter 55. The new images show scoliosis, a bulging disc and arthritis. No wonder I was in so much pain.

I say "was" because the muscle relaxant has proven to be very helpful and has suppressed a lot of the muscle/joint pain I have endured. I am still learning how to use the nerve pain medicine. The new medicine has "bought" me some more time to allow me to continue working at (G6) and provide a better income than the alternative. And my Vicodin intake has been reduced back to pre-2010 levels, perhaps even less.

A have huge gratitude for your agreeing to receive all these letters and any prayers you and others may spoken on my behalf. They have helped. Thank you.

Blessings...

Romanus Theophilus