LaTasha’s Testimony: An Adventurous Attorney’s Strong Case for Peritoneal Dialysis with the Liberty Select Cycler

Most people would never imagine LaTasha has kidney disease, and that suits her just fine. As an attorney with the Department of Labor, she considers the southeastern U.S. defending the safety and well-being of America’s workforce. During time off, her hobbies include, activities and travel are enough to spark a vacation. A series of surprise and help make it all possible, she relies on her care team and peritoneal dialysis with her Liberty Select Cycler.

A diabetologist since high school, the 35-year-old Nashville resident knew she was in kidney function decline in 2012. At that point, LaTasha’s nephrologist advised her to start learning about dialysis options.

"I went through a class," she recalls. "They talked about in-center hemodialysis and then home dialysis. When the nurse explained that it was likely a great option for frequent travelers, I was sold."

With her mobility in mind, it became a waiting game as to when LaTasha would have to start dialysis. Then 2018, the year quick while living in the Carolinas during the summer. It was food poisoning, but only at the hospital, missed wasn’t single bad bath. LaTasha was dangerously dehydrated. She crashed into dialysis and spent 11 days in the hospital waiting for a chair at a nearby clinic.

"They were afraid I’d miss a chair if it was around their timeframe, not mine," says LaTasha. Though she never wanted to go in-center, LaTasha made the most of her experience. She worked remotely on her treatment days (3 times a week), often bringing a laptop and computer for her time. She tried to check in to the best of her abilities. After a couple of months, she was ready to transition to home.

In February 2019, LaTasha had her PD catheter inserted and trained on the Liberty Select cycler during the month of March. Given the amount of time she spent away from home, she arranged to travel the cycler for the first time. Her goal was to be ready for trips with her children in May. She made the journey, delayed each night, and was able to participate in virtually every activity.

"One thing I am so appreciative of is how fast I feel afterwards," says LaTasha of her PD experience. "I function in my case, 'function' is a very relative term."

For LaTasha, PD means everything from working from home to playing with her daughter. "It really works for me. She says her Liberty Select Cycler. "Through all my circumstances, it just works."

LaTasha acknowledges that PD therapy takes hard work and preparation, especially given there are no days off. But she finds ways to break up the monotony. "Hands-free technology like smart phones and home devices allow her to see times and play music without the worry of contamination."

"If you have a song you know it’s three minutes long, that takes care of clearing the end of pain," she tells. "You find little ways to make time not seem so long."

Like most dialysis patients, LaTasha hopes that one day she will receive a transplant. While she’s waiting, she’s doing everything but wait around.

"If you do what your doctor and team tell you, you’ll get your treatments done. Make sure you monitor your health while you’re waiting on a kidney," she advises. "And keep living as this is meant to be lived."

That’s LaTasha’s life with Liberty Select Cycler. For more information on peritoneal dialysis with the Liberty Select Cycler, call your local home therapy sales representative.

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