

Transcript for Natalie Beavers' Story—From Tragedy to Advocacy

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[Music] Epilepsy is a neurological disorder in the brain. I'm Natalie. I've been living with epilepsy for 40 years. [Music] If you deal with epilepsy and seizures, it is hard. It's like you're out of here, it's like you're out your body. It shakes, it moves, it's this, it has a force. Meditation helps me so much to kind of enhance my energy and my positive thoughts. Being a mother, I... that's just a number one priority in my life. I think about how my children had to learn so early about epilepsy. They had to be taught seizure first aid at a very, very young age, and that's one thing about epilepsy: a seizure can happen at any time. There was a time when I had become seizure-free and I had a nanny, and every Friday I would take her and my son CJ, the baby boy, to her house. On a particular, you know, Friday it's so crazy: CJ and I were actually singing in the car, you know, while I was driving, and all of a sudden, I had this strange feeling in my head and I looked over at my nanny and said, "I need to pull over, I don't feel right". I was seizing. She had to take the wheel of the car, and she tried her best to save our lives. I was 18 months seizure-free; it was just a normal day for me. If one thing I never forget was when the detective told my family, "If it wasn't for your nanny in that car, you and your son wouldn't be here today". When I look at CJ... it could take one seizure... people could be seizure-free for years and all of a sudden, it could happen. All of us that's in this epilepsy, I call it epilepsy family, we have similar stories. I've always tried to be joyful, but when you're dealing with epilepsy, sometimes it makes you feel so bad. I've tried several different medications. People like myself, we want, like, the less amount of seizures. Since I've started XCOPRI, I've become seizure-free. Being seizure-free, it has energized me me. Period. I honestly can say I'm not afraid to go out and just enjoy life, and that's why I just feel like every day I have to do something. I started a non-profit. The goal behind this non-profit was to actually help those who are just like me; not just the survivors battling with epilepsy, but also for the parents and the caregivers because they need attention, too. Being around others, and hearing their stories, and we have similar stories, it's an amazing, amazing feeling.

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Important Safety Information and Indication for XCOPRI (cenobamate tablets), a schedule five controlled substance. Do not take XCOPRI if you are allergic to cenobamate or any of the other ingredients in XCOPRI, have a genetic problem called Familial Short QT syndrome that affects the electrical system of the heart.

XCOPRI can cause serious side effects including allergic reactions. XCOPRI can cause serious skin rash or other serious allergic reactions which may affect organs and other parts of your body like the liver or blood cells. You may or may not have a rash with these types of reactions. Call your healthcare provider right away and go to the nearest emergency room if you have any of the following: swelling of your face, eyes, lips, or tongue, trouble swallowing or breathing, a skin rash, hives, fever, swollen glands, or sore throat that does not go away or comes and goes, painful sores in the mouth or around your eyes, yellowing

of your skin or eyes, unusual bruising or bleeding, severe fatigue or weakness, severe muscle pain, frequent infections, or infections that do not go away. Take XCOPRI exactly as your healthcare provider tells you to take it. It is very important to increase your dose of XCOPRI slowly, as instructed by your healthcare provider.

QT shortening: XCOPRI may cause problems with the electrical system of the heart (QT shortening).

Call your healthcare provider if you have symptoms of QT shortening including fast heartbeat (heart palpitations) that last a long time or fainting.

Suicidal behavior and ideation: Antiepileptic drugs, including XCOPRI, may cause suicidal thoughts or actions in a very small number of people, about 1 in 500. Call your health care provider right away if you have any of the following symptoms, especially if they are new, worse, or worry you: thoughts about suicide or dying; attempting to commit suicide; new or worse depression, anxiety, or irritability; feeling agitated or restless; panic attacks; trouble sleeping (insomnia); acting aggressive; being angry or violent; acting on dangerous impulses; an extreme increase in activity and talking (mania); or other unusual changes in behavior or mood.

Nervous system problems: XCOPRI may cause problems that affect your nervous system. Symptoms of nervous system problems include dizziness, trouble walking or with coordination, feeling sleepy and tired, trouble concentrating, remembering, and thinking clearly, and vision problems. Do not drive, operate heavy machinery, or do other dangerous activities until you know how XCOPRI affects you.

Do not drink alcohol or take other medicines that can make you sleepy or dizzy while taking XCOPRI without first talking to your healthcare provider.

DISCONTINUATION: Do not stop taking XCOPRI without first talking to your healthcare provider. Stopping XCOPRI suddenly can cause serious problems. Stopping seizure medicine suddenly in a patient who has epilepsy can cause seizures that will not stop (status epilepticus).

DRUG INTERACTIONS: XCOPRI may affect the way other medicines work, and other medicines may affect how XCOPRI works. Do not start or stop other medicines without talking to your healthcare provider. Tell healthcare providers about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins and herbal supplements.

PREGNANCY AND LACTATION: XCOPRI may cause your birth control medicine to be less effective.

Talk to your health care provider about the best birth control method to use. Talk to your health care provider if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if XCOPRI will harm your unborn baby. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you become pregnant while taking XCOPRI. You and your healthcare provider will decide if you should take XCOPRI while you are pregnant. If you become pregnant while

taking XCOPRI, talk to your healthcare provider about registering with the North American Antiepileptic Drug (NAAED) Pregnancy Registry. The purpose of this registry is to collect information about the safety of antiepileptic medicine during pregnancy. You can enroll in this registry by calling 1-888-233-2334 or go to www.aedpregnancyregistry.org. Talk to your health care provider if you are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if XCOPRI passes into breastmilk. Talk to your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby while taking XCOPRI.

COMMON SIDE EFFECTS: The most common side effects in patients taking XCOPRI include dizziness, sleepiness, headache, double vision, and feeling tired.

These are not all the possible side effects of XCOPRI. Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away. For more information, ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or at www.fda.gov/medwatch.

DRUG ABUSE: XCOPRI is a federally controlled substance (CV) because it can be abused or lead to dependence. Keep XCOPRI in a safe place to prevent misuse and abuse. Selling or giving away XCOPRI may harm others and is against the law.

INDICATION: XCOPRI is a prescription medicine used to treat partial-onset seizures in adults 18 years of age and older. It is not known if XCOPRI is safe and effective in children under 18 years of age.

Please see additional patient information in the Medication Guide. This information does not take the place of talking with your healthcare provider about your condition or your treatment.

Please see full Prescribing Information and Medication Guide.