

Hi-

My name is Luke Call. I am 8 years old and in the 2nd grade. I live in Strongsville with my family. I have PANDAS. I was diagnosed with PANDAS in kindergarten.

Having PANDAS makes some things hard for me. I sometimes baby talk. I don't want to but I don't know that I am doing it. I also get mad. When I get mad, I throw things and slam doors. I don't like when I get this way but I can't help it. When things are loud, I need headphones and sometimes I even need them in my house. Loud noises make me not listen.

I want people to know that having PANDAS is really hard and sometimes kids need IVIG. IVIG is hard for kids. After it, you are not allowed to run and play and that is hard for me. It was really hard for me because I could not play sports for a few days and I love sports. But, having IVIG makes me feel better and sometimes it makes me feel like I do not have PANDAS. Every kid needs to be given the opportunity for IVIG so they can feel better like me.

I love having my doctor know about PANDAS. Dr. K is very nice, he makes me laugh and I am glad that he is my doctor.

When people say PANDAS is not real, I feel mad and angry. I don't look sick but my brain tells me things that I can't stop. It is not fun.

I want to help kids. I don't want to be embarrassed about having PANDAS. I want people to learn about PANDAS. We need people like you to help kids like me. Help make October,9 PANDAS awareness day. You will help kids like me.

Thanks,

Luke Call