An Interview with Jim Navarro  
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Introduction:

DM: Welcome everyone. This is Dr. Mercola. Today, I'm here with Jim Navarro. We have a very emotional and compelling story to share with you. I want to thank you Jim for coming. For those of you who don't know who Jim is. Jim is the father of Thomas Navarro. He was the young boy who had a battle against cancer, against the medical monopoly and have received national attention years ago and actually initiated a new legislation be written to protect patient rights. Thomas’ story is featured in the film Cut Poison Burn which we’ve had on the website and has been available for viewing.

When your son Thomas was diagnosed with a brain cancer specifically medulloblastoma at four years old, your wife Donna did all the research and you both objected to the conventional treatment and you chose to seek alternative treatment options that would lead to less invasive, less damaging and life threatening approaches.

So in the weeks and months that followed, you went actually into hiding to keep your son away from the authorities so they would take him from you. You actually fought for the right for alternative treatment for months or years. You sought to use Dr. Burzynski’s antineoplaston treatment but were prevented from using it with the threat of taking your child away from you.

And then finally after all the legal works and process and expenses, you received approval but at that point it was too late and your son lost his battle with cancer after six years. You’ve been since that time championing the legislation and patient rights act to prevent this tragic injustice occurring from other families and scenarios.

I want to thank you for your courageous efforts and actions. Thank you for coming here today to share with us some of your experiences on that.

JS: You’re very welcome.

DM: I appreciate that. Can you let us know why did you opt out for the alternative treatment instead of the conventional approaches?

JN: First of all, I want to go on record in saying, I have no medical background – s my wife would say, as dumb as a box of rocks. But she had the medical background being a combat medic in the military. She told me right off the bat, I have seen this too many times on base. Chemotherapy is a cytotoxic poison. Radiation, obviously a weapon’s grade material and no good can come of it.
She was actually the pioneer that said, we have to find something outside the box that will keep our son alive. As she started doing research, I followed shortly thereafter, but my focus was on once we determine his disease because to be honest with you doctor, in the beginning, I could neither pronounce or spell medulloblastoma. I can do it backwards now.

I started looking for chat rooms and forums. That's actually how I found Burzynski because what I was looking for, my focus was on the fact that they said there are no known survivors. The first thing I Googled in was ‘survivors of medulloblastoma.’ So as I found these chatrooms, the common denominator was there was always a mention of a Dr. Burzynski. So then I started looking him up to determine where he was and obviously in the beginning – Texas, we lived in Arizona, I’m thinking, this can be a long run.

I had called and the very first thing they told me was, “I'm sorry but you can't bring your son here.” I was like, “What?” They said, “You don't understand. The FDA won't allow us to treat him.” According to the protocols, he has to first go through radiation, chemo, and fail and have recurrent tumor and until then he can't qualify. I said, “Okay. I'll see you in a couple of days” and just hung up.

So when we showed up it's like, “Mr. Navarro why are you guys here? We told you you couldn't come.” I said, “I know. I'm here for a physical, a well baby check and then you are going to put in writing that you are refusing treatment and why.” I'm beginning his file to his journey because at a point, it’s going to get really ugly and very legal and I wanted that paper trail to substantiate what we were doing.

DM: You started the process and it’s well documented in the film. We’re going to expand on some of the details here. Can you describe your interactions with the film and how that came about?

JN: That was a long adventure all by itself. It started initially of course we were in the beginning weeks and months of Thomas’ illness and my wife called me from Mexico because she was already there with the boys at a clinic down there. I was still in Washington preparing to testify before congress on pediatric cancer. She called and said, “Jim I have met this filmmaker and he wants to follow us and document our case and tell the story” and blah, blah, blah. I said, “Thanks but no thanks.” Hollywood, no thanks.

She kept trying to wear me down with phone calls and when I finally caught up with him in Mexico, I sat down with him at that time and he kept insisting that Thomas was a very unusual child because he was an old soul. He would sit and say, how are you? How is your family? Like news, weather and sports not like, can I pass the crayons.

Finally, I threw in the towel and said, okay, we'll do it however, we have full editorial right. It has to be absolutely honest and truthful because this is a very dangerous
subject in my book and I don’t want to do anything misleading that could cause another harm in the process of misleading them thinking that this therapy works or that therapy works when in fact I have no clue because I have never participated.

The filming was done. They followed us through what ended up being a 26-1/2 month journey with Thomas before he passed away and then it just kind of disintegrated. Bad went to worse. There were issues with the filmmaker and he never made it so I ended up having to go to court to get my film back. It was my film even though he paid for it because of the intrusion of you with the promise of making a film were a part of my life. That was kind of like real TV. I mean, when we laughed, when we cried, when we fought, when the kids were brushing their teeth or hidden into the bathroom, there was a camera. Because they wanted to show the journey what a child’s battle with cancer was like.

So long story short, we ended up meeting a new film crew at the 30-year gala for Dr. Burzyski. They re-approached us, “We want to make a film.” I was like, “Yeah, yeah, I’ve heard that before.” He’s like, “No, really. We want to make a film.” They were already in the process of making one and so it became like an amalgam where Thomas became the spine of it. In a year, a little less than a year, they were done. I’m like, whoa!

DM: Did they actually integrate film from the first filmmaker?

JN: Yeah. The irony is I still have probably 2-1/2 years worth of film vaulted because there are so many things in the film to be honest with you. Like I was approached by a director of the FDA before my first congressional hearing in the hallway outside the hearing room saying, “Mr. Navarro, I’m authorized to make a deal with you. If you don’t go in and testify, we’ll approve Thomas for treatment.” Of course it was caught on film them not realizing I was being hounded by a crew and said, “Sorry, it’s too late. It’s not about my son anymore. It’s about the hundreds you are killing on a daily basis by denying them access to therapies that work. So it’s on.”

DM: Your wife was in Mexico at that time?

JN: Yes.

DM: What was she doing in Mexico?

JN: Going to a clinic. Again, my wife is the pioneer medical genius in her family thinking outside the box. She was pursuing whatever worked and of course Tijuana is famous for cancer clinics and had found one that was successful until…you’ve heard of insulin therapy?

DM: IPT – Insulin potentiation…
**JN:** Yes. That’s why you’re the doctor and I’m not. It was going to go great right up to the end when one of the nurses was remiss, forgot one of the ingredients and instead decided she would like to save her job substitute. What she substituted with was basically like putting pure sugar into the mix and he had a reaction and just within days, he went recurrent and the tumor was getting big and that’s what brought about the second brain surgery which occurred at Beth Israel in New York.

**DM:** You have mentioned the FDA official that approached you in Washington prior to your testimony that would have allowed Thomas to receive treatment earlier I would assume.

**JN:** Yeah. We were only in the battle probably two-three months after his diagnosis. That would have been plenty of time.

**DM:** So if you had agreed to that and refused to testify, there is likelihood that Thomas might be still be here today?

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**JN:** Yeah. Don’t get me started there because there is a lot of things and things that weren’t seen in the film that you don’t know. For example, you were correct when you said that it was a long and arduous battle, 18 months is how long it got to get approved. At 18 months, he already had a second brain surgery. He had already been forced into chemotherapy in New York. He had already gone recurrent from that.

What people don’t know is once he began the antineoplaston therapy with Burzynski before dying, it not only extended his life another seven months but he had a 33% reduction of tumors. A father’s hope is, had he not been polluted and poisoned with chemotherapy, had we not been stopped, there is absolutely no doubt in my mind that he would be alive today.

**DM:** So it’s just a travesty. It’s such an incredibly depraved system that exists.

**JN:** It’s perverted absolutely.

**DM:** If our founding fathers were alive they would be turning over in their graves most likely because of what has developed now to allow this type of travesty to exist. There are three primary organizations that are responsible for this persisting. One would be the FDA, the American Cancer Society and the National Cancer Institute and then the child service system.

**JN:** Absolutely.

**DM:** So you’ve got four actually. What would you change in all those four organizations and why and then how would you change it?
**JN:** You’re not going to like my answers. I would absolutely to begin with get rid of the American Cancer Society. To me it’s just people creating jobs for themselves to be paid by the taxpayers. Let’s talk downsizing of government. The FDA can go the way of the white buffalo. They all can in my book because what’s happening is...we don’t need an FDA.

That’s why you’re a doctor. I come to you because I trust you with the welfare of my family. Why do I need a bunch of professional bureaucrats in Washington who don’t even know my son? They have never seen my son and they’re going to make his life and death decisions? They’re not even, for the most part, medical practitioners.

I’m old enough to remember when I was a child, I loved my doctor. He was my buddy. It had nothing to do with the fact that he made me airplanes out of tongue depressors to entertain me while he was checking me out. But there was a level of trust that in my opinion doesn’t exist anymore in America. We have become morally bankrupt. The dollar has become our god in so many ways. It’s pervasive in corporate America. They are willing to poison us for the sake of making a buck. It’s in medicine, no offense. It’s in food. Again, I’m old enough to remember all the girls in junior high and high school look like olive oil. They don’t anymore.

What do we have as we have accelerated the physical development of young women. You’ve got ovarian cancer, breast cancer, uterine cancer at tender young ages; 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 years old. Testicular cancer in young boys as early as 10. It’s a result of the growth hormones and the steroids and the dyes and chemicals that do what? I’m sorry, it’s not about our health, it’s about making it last longer on the shelf to guarantee we turn that buck. That’s evil. It’s evil. I am bent on that. It’s evil.

**DM:** Specifically the American Cancer Society which has been around for a number of decades now and really hasn’t produced any significant results other than garner tens of billions of dollars.

**JN:** If you remember your history when I first testified before congress the very day I went before congress back in 2000. That year, they had made I believe it was 553 or 556 million dollars. They had taken in. The federal agents were in Europe arresting three of their top people who had 8 million in cash that they had embezzled from the fund. It’s not about trying to help people, trying to cure cancer – they have got their money machine.

I think, forgive me but hell holds a special place for them because always we see the sick and the dying and the bald children that rip at our hard strings on TV, zero money goes towards pediatric research only 7% towards adult. The coffers are kept open with 3% and 90% goes to salaries and marketing. That’s a crime.

**DM:** It is. Anyone who is involved in working with the American Cancer Society or really any charitable organization needs to do their due diligence. I mean this is public record.
JN: Absolutely.

DM: You can go and see what amount of contributions is actually spent internally. There is a whole range from as little as 10% to over 90%. You can do the math. It's pretty easy. You don't need an advance degree to figure that out. The American Cancer Society fails miserably on that one.

Another failure and it's just hard to imagine to exist in this country but it does is the Child Protection Services. It's just shocking that they can get away with this, that they can get force the will of the drug companies upon you and at your cost and expense and resources and even more importantly the life of your child. Can you describe how that process went?

JN: Again, I have no great love there because they're basically the thugs of the doctors, the pharmaceutical companies and the FDA. I mean, as far as I'm concerned I used to refer to it in the early days, and again no offense, as the medical mafia because they were like the different families. They split up and control the lives of the majority. When again we began, we were completely uncomfortable with everything and we wanted a second opinion. The minute those words are heard 'second opinion' CPS is brought into it.

DM: CPS is Child Protection Services.

JN: Yes. You’re charged with child abuse and medical neglect automatically. The charges go up from there depending on your level of resistance. They will kick in your door, come in armed. They will attempt to kidnap your child which we had gone through several times with Thomas. By any means necessary they will get your child. It didn't used to be that way.

Doctors sadly have gotten to the point where they don't even threaten you with CPS, they just contact them when you don't know about it. They come in and -- Donna and I had a hearing on the first case because there were actually two; Arizona and Texas, and I said, child abuse, I don’t think so. Medical neglect I don’t think so. I am spending approximately $12,000 to $15,000 a month on my son’s well being. I have him continually checked by doctors, by nurses. He’s got a health regimen which includes a change of diet, vitamins, supplements. I'm doing all the right things plus I have a wife that is by profession a caregiver. She spent many years in the emergency room, ER and trauma. I've got a sense that she knows what she’s doing.

The minute they heard that it was like, we're done. Thinking we were holding them over the shower and burning them with cigarettes type of thing because it's the attitude that again that is portrayed by the media and certain docs, they're very bad parents. They're killing their child. That's the first thing they try to do is make you feel guilty when you don’t comply.
Another thing because you have pushed my button that angers me is they also hold the control over whether or not, because again we went through it, you get to stay at Ronald McDonald House or you get your wish from Make-A-Wish. Because when we had to go to New York, we initially were not allowed to check in at Ronald McDonald House. It’s like, “Our son has got cancer. He’s having surgery. He’s being treated here.” “Well, he can’t come.” “Why not? This is what you guys do.” “Well, because his doctor in Arizona withdrew his recommendation and without the doctor’s recommendation you can’t come here.” Again, it’s like, wait a minute, so everyone is giving for this place, for children with cancer to stay and now you’re telling me because he said no, is there a difference between him sick then and sick today?

The same with Make-A-Wish. He had his wish granted. It was the day we were to go that we got a call saying, I’m sorry but your request has been rejected. I was like, “What do you mean rejected?” “The doctor pulled his recommendation.”

**DM:** And this was through interactions with the CPS?

**JN:** CPS and the doctors. Because the attitude is unless I have your child, unless I get to treat it, they’re not sick. It’s like the FDA.

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You see it’s obvious to you because you’re an intelligent man, my son had cancer, he had medulloblastoma, he had a very short life ahead of him. In the eyes of the FDA, “Oh no, he’s not sick. He doesn’t have cancer.” “Well, why doesn’t he have cancer?” “Because you’re not doing our treatment and until he does our treatment then we will deem him sick.”

I had filed six appeals after the initial paperwork to do a compassionate exemption to the FDA. They kept rubber stamping it every time…no, no, no. Because the FDA plays god and tells you when you’re sick because they’re not going to say you have cancer until they have guaranteed you have it with no recovery through Cut Poison and Burn. Again, I see that as a crime against humanity.

**DM:** There is this corruption and conflict of interest because a large portion of the income to the FDA is generated through the drug companies which generate massive amounts of revenue from these types of therapies, just enormous amounts. There is probably no other disease that has a higher profit level in the treatment than cancer.

This is a tragedy. Many tragedies go unheard to the world unless they’re documented and that’s what you’ve done with this film. Can you tell me about the unique method that you used to distribute the film.

**JN:** In the beginning, I wasn’t so sure the plan was initially going to work but the more time they came by I learned to embrace it and that’s the personal value pricing. It is on the website Cut Poison Burn. You can go on, you can download it. If you are, I’m
probably going to maybe not coin the term here, economically challenged where you can’t afford it, you can download it for free. But upon seeing it, if you decide to buy it, you can go online and buy it. You can purchase it from like $1.99 all the way up according to what you determine is the value to you.

You get to set your own pricing because it’s more important to get the word out. It’s more important to educate people. It’s more important to turn the lights on than it is for the film to make big amounts of money.

DM: Do you get any reimbursement for your participation in the film and sales of the DVD?

JN: I own part of the film, not a big part, a little part.

DM: So you are able to be directly be compensated for some of this?

JN: Uhuh.

DM: The reason I mentioned that is because this isn’t in the film – is the enormous financial hardship that your family suffered as a result. I’m wondering if you’re comfortable with going into that now. What happened to your family economically as a result of this tragedy?

JN: In two words – financial tsunami. We were living a very normal average life. The refrigerator was always full. Two cars in the driveway. The cost of keeping Thomas alive for that 26-1/2 months was about 1.6 million dollars. He left us an additional 550,000 plus in debt. Everything went. We had to sell our home. I was preparing to retire. We had to sell our dream property that we have been paying on for many, many years. It was Murphy’s Law at its best.

As we were approaching the end of the payment books, he was diagnosed three weeks later and all bets were off. I told my wife in the beginning, you have an option. You can divorce me and take half or you can stay and fight with me but I can almost guarantee you we’ll be poor when it’s over. As a result, when Thomas died, it left us with a four-year-old son, $4 and we lived in our van. We were homeless.

With my age, I’m approaching 60, no one would hire me because I hadn’t worked in 2-1/2 years. We didn’t have a home. The same with Donna. She’s not as old as me. I want that to be official on record. A woman who had no home or occupation for that period of time, that’s really like the kiss of death. You have to start all over. The college funds went. Patrick still doesn’t have a college fund. Everything. Because you’re so desperate to keep that child alive. The chemotherapy in those little bags is $43,000 a bag.

DM: How often are those bags administered?
JN: They had prescribed 10. He only barely made it to start his third but the reaction was so severe they stopped.

DM: But you probably still paid for the rest?

JN: Absolutely. Once it’s written down, it’s carved in stone. That doesn’t include the doctor, the nurses, the anesthesiologist, the pharmacist, the room, the meal. Now we’re back to this 650-dollar rent syndrome with the military (indiscernible 25:41).

DM: How much did insurance cover for this?

JN: That’s an interesting point. They have a cap on cancer. I didn’t know that. They capped everything which isn’t a lot because again they’re in bed with each other; insurance, pharmaceutical. I won’t get started on that because that makes my blood boil but a lot of it was on us after the cap (indiscernible 26:12) because the cap normally will stop at about a million dollars. And then it’s a whole lot of big sales and it’s your car and it’s your clothes, and it’s your home.

DM: The number one cause of bankruptcy in the United States is due to medical expenses. That’s no question number one. Did you actually have to declare bankruptcy?

JN: No.

DM: That’s surprising.

JN: That’s the thing that people think me crazy for because I’m still paying his bills. They go, “Why are you doing that, he’s gone?” I was like, “Yeah, they didn’t stop trying so I will not stop.” Now, they may only get $5 a month but that payment will kind of dribble in. As a result, to their credit I will say, they have never harassed us because I have always sent something. Because in their world it’s rare that a family does stay connected because once the child is gone everything is gone. They disconnect. They don’t pay their bills. To be honest with you too doctor there is probably a 78-plus percent divorce rate after you lose your child.

DM: Sure most marriages are challenged to begin with and if you throw a tragedy like this on it, it just breaks it over.

JN: Yeah, it breaks it over. It breaks them.

DM: So when Thomas died, you had $4 in your bank account and 500,000…

JN: No, in our pocket. You couldn’t have a bank account when you’re that low.

DM: And a half a million dollars in debt. Obviously burying him at that point was a challenge.
JN: We couldn’t. That broke my heart at the time. Where we live in Texas, he would have gone to an unmarked grave at the county like Potter’s Field. The day he died the TV station that had covered him so thoroughly did kind of a rare thing. After announcing Thomas’ death, instead of rolling to commercial, they faded to black. They showed his portrait and just faded.

After it was over, I got a call from the TV station. They said, we’ve got a young man that would like to speak to you. I was like, “Who is he?” He goes, “He’s James Earthman.” I was like, “I don’t know a James Earthman.” He got on the phone and he introduced himself. He said, “Mr. Navarro, first, my condolences. I’m James Earthman IV. We own Earthman Funeral Homes. We would like the honor of burying your son.”

I said, “I appreciate the offer but we can’t. We are broke. We have no money to bury him. We have $4 left. We don’t know where it’s going from here I guess.” “No sir, you don’t understand. We would like to bury him. We will provide his grave, his casket, his flowers, his services. If grandma and grandpa Earthman were alive today, they would have fits if we didn’t do right by your son.” I said, “God bless you. You’re on.” He said, “If you come to…and he gave me the address, we’ll begin to speak.”

Again, something that is not known, Thomas laid in state for a full week which was kind of unnerving but they were so many people that had followed him from the beginning and the news from the beginning that they all had to get there. They were coming from all over the world. That was a tough nut to crack as he laid there.

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He was made by Chief Canelli, he was made honorary fire chief of Houston Fire Department. At his funeral the chief spoke – he was buried as a fallen fireman. They had made him a uniform. They had made him his turnouts. When the chief spoke they presented us with his helmet which is an actual helmet from the squad not a little kid plastic one. He was member of Squad 60 because Squad 60 had come to the home 13 times in an effort to rescue him. It was to the point where if they heard the address, they knew it was Thomas and they were coming to rescue him. They would come from off work because he was like their child. They had become so attached to him.

As his casket laid there, there were his boots and his turnouts and his suspenders and his helmet for a full week. I stayed with him during that time with his older brother who was – Rob is a young man now with kids of his own – and we stood guard of him until it was time to bury him. I have the photos. I can send you some. They’re all in uniform. He is buried at the Earthman’s Resthaven. He is buried in the section that is only for fallen firemen and fallen policemen. His turnouts now hang in the fire museum in downtown Houston. He is the only child that they have ever honored because his passion was to be a fireman. They made him one of his own.
DM: That’s a very powerful story. Thank for you expanding on that. That was really a tangent from the process of creating the film and helping people understand that you actually do receive some reimbursement from this to help you recover from...

JN: It isn’t about us. It will be his medical bills. Donna and I are a bit proud. We don’t need help taking care of us. We can do just fine because we both grew up hunting and fishing. But it’s about the medical bills. It’s about honor. It’s about integrity. I have two things in life and one of them is my name and they stay clean.

DM: That’s something you just don’t see that frequently nowadays unfortunately. Thank you for that commitment. If someone purchases this film, they are certainly able to purchase it for whatever price that they choose.

JN: For the download. There is a difference. That’s for the download that they can permanently keep on their computer. If they want to actually purchase the DVD that comes in a jacket with a cover, again, that’s a different story and that has a set price of $9.99 I believe it is.

DM: The person is able to actually pay more.

JN: Yeah. Here is the caveat that a lot of people don’t know. There is a percentage of the film or the download that goes to cancer organizations. They give 100% of their revenues to the families fighting the battle.

DM: The real deal?

JN: Right, the real deal not the ACS. In fact, Donna and I have been working to form an organization based out of Texas. It’s called Cancer Busters. We have selected our officers and our board. I said, the good news is we’re almost done. Now here is the bad news. You don’t make anything. In fact, if we have a mailer or a flier or need stamps, it’s coming out of your pocket. So now it’s your opportunity to stand down. Because if you thought it was a job, it’s not. It’s all about helping.

That leads to another situation that the treasurer CPA, her husband, a very dear friend, was a deputy in our county who came to me one day and said, “I have just been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. I remember Thomas. What do I do?” I said, “I’ll get back with you.” I started calling and then the bottom line is it led him to Nick Gonzales in New York. As you know, pancreatic cancer, not friendly, very short in its life. Thomas is now – the same name, that irony isn’t lost – I believe nine months out and they haven’t seen it in him in months because we got outside of the box and found that which works.

DM: For those who don’t know pancreatic cancer is typically terminal within several months typically three or so.
JN: Yeah. They gave him I think it was 60 days. And so retired from the sheriff’s department after 25 years and he is my brother in arms when I start working the issue in Texas because we meet and greet with a lot of health food stores thanking them for providing people with knowledge, with healthy things to eat and consume. The organic restaurants, you know, go in and thank him.

In fact, one of the local restaurants Susan’s Harvest, I told Tom, “Go on in, introduce yourself. Tell them what you’re fighting. Tell them who is treating you, the regimen they have you on.” Bless their hearts to their credit. They made sure that he ate all the correct things. They tailored his daily meals because he went in everyday on patrol. He took his lunch break there. They had his meal ready to go and it was things that would compliment and help the modality that he was pursuing versus working against him.

That’s another axe I have to grind and that’s the true stamp that most doctors do not care is that they’ll tell you, “You’re fine. Go home and eat that half gallon of ice cream.” Really? There are foods that feed cancer that serve as an accelerant and there are foods that help combat it, that boosts your immune system. The very fact that they’re not willing to go to that root cause tells you they have no expectation of your survival. It’s all about the money.

DM: That’s a powerful concept and it’s something that’s so basic. I mean it’s been known for many decades that cancer is accelerated by taking sugar which raises insulin levels and accelerates all the biochemistry. (indiscernible 37:24) you cannot have sugar when you have cancer. It’s not a good idea anyway but at least in large amounts.

JN: Kiss of death.

DM: Moving back to the film, what do you hope is learned and accomplished from the film?

JN: Number one, I want people to understand they’re being lied to. Number two, I want to educate people in a very real sense they want to take the blinders off. I want people to understand they have been lied to for a very long time and that they don’t need to ask for options. They need to demand them. They work for us. We don’t work for them. I come to you and I’m sick, you work for me. I’m not your employee going, “Well doctor, can I get well now?” That’s what is topsy-turvy all the way up to government. We keep forgetting who is the boss in that scenario.

I want to educate people. I want them to understand they have been lied to. I want them to be angry. I want them to get out there and say, “Stop. No more. You will not poison my family. You will not poison my kids and you will be held accountable. You will provide that which will preserve life instead of destroy life.”

DM: Getting back to the film a bit more. Thomas’ story is obviously very compelling and very tragic as documented by the film. But even beyond the film, I mean, there is the consequences of the death and how it impacted your family and your wife Donna.
I’m wondering if you don’t mind sharing some of those consequences because his death didn’t occur in isolation and had an impact and that impact is every bit as our own.

**JN:** I will try because it’s very hard. My wife with her background like I said was in my opinion his primary caregiver the last seven months of his life. She never left his bedside. She almost never slept. I mean truly never slept. She would tend to him probably 21 hours a day. In the last months of his life, we had actually evolved in that his bedroom was now in the living room.

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That was for a multitude of reasons. There was more room to work around him. He required oxygen. We needed oxygenation – a machine that makes oxygen. One entire wall of the living room was all his medical needs. In the process, I’m sure you realize he developed diabetes as a result of the various things. So we had to have his syringes, the alcohol wipes, the insulin, this, that and the other. It almost was like walking into a pharmacy.

Plus, the most important thing was because he was being rescued so often we had to have access to the ambulance, the gurney. The easiest way was to pick him up, get him on straight out the door versus battling hallways and such. She took care of him to the very end when he passed away.

We left the hospital and returned to patient housing, a very dear friend of ours was there also. He came up and put his arms around me. He says, “Jim let me take Patrick home with me. The kids will keep him busy” because at four he didn’t really get it. He thought Thomas was faking. That he was really sleeping. So he took him home. I got her back to patient housing. She walked in collapsed on to his bed, cried until she fell asleep and stayed asleep for three days. I thought she was gone because she like never got up but I kept checking. She had a pulse so it was like okay maybe she’s just shutdown emotionally.

My daughter had a breakdown and we’ve had to deal with her. She’s now I think a year, a year and a half since her last which is her eighth suicide attempt. Patrick has been in grief counseling since childhood up through elementary school. That’s where I got very aggressive with him and got him into scouts and Taekwondo and basically keep him busy and burn him out. We’ve become very close. To be honest, my son Patrick, in a very real way has kept me going because bless his heart he’s like, okay, if Thomas is gone and I’m the little brother that was always in the corner because you were too busy with him to deal with me – so now I make him my focus. He’s like the center of my universe.

Marriage, it wrecks a marriage. I mean, I love my wife that is no mistake but it has destroyed our ability to communicate, to express emotion. I say that I had a good marriage before he got sick. I have a great marriage now in that we’re still together by
the grace of God because we refused to quit. There is a day coming that we will come out the other side. I mean, my prayers, get her into grief counseling and marriage counseling just help bolster her up. We all need it for various issues in our life but the death takes the cake.

My oldest son Robert which is Thomas’ older brother, he struggles. He still weeps and tragically and I can show you some pictures later, his first son Robert Jr. came looking just like Thomas which is haunting and he has his mannerisms. If that weren’t enough, my son (Robert) was injured five years ago in an accident where he broke his back at three places. He’s still disabled and we have new medical chaos in our life.

Once again, four years in court trying to get the company to admit their guilt. He was a lineman 24 feet up, they made him wear this new harness, tool belt that tied him off to the poles. They didn’t like the one I made for him which I had made by a rigger, you know, cargo nylon, the whole nine yards. “That’s ugly. That’s not what we wear.” Up the pole, put the spikes in, lean back, snap, gone. Four years arguing in court, “That’s not work related.” Really? Falling 24 ft bouncing tree, splitting your hardhat in four pieces, being on gauges for two weeks, 47 broken bones, not to include his back broken in three places.

We won. Once we got the judgment which I told him, keep it modest. They put you back on their insurance for life and they pay your medical expenses that you have incurred thus far because insurance will kick in and take over all your new ones and stipends to live on because you can no longer work and keep it modest again because that’s why you still have parents. You know, coming from an old traditional Spanish family, we take care of our own.

I told him don’t be greedy because that’s what’s wrecking this country. Don’t be greedy. You don’t need 20 million, 50 million because first of all, son, you’re not that smart and you won’t make that much in your lifetime. Take the job you aspire to and multiply it out from your age to presume time of death. That’s what you go for plus your expenses. And even at that, they didn’t pay because they kept trying to…”We don’t know if he’s really sick. We don’t know if he’s really hurt.” His son turned four two days ago. He’s never been able to pick him up.

DM: It’s a tragedy. In the whole consequences of what happened after Thomas’ death, it’s really just kind of shocking because the sad reality is it wasn’t necessary. None of it was necessary. If they had just given you the opportunity to exercise your freedom of choice, your free will to seek therapy that you thought appropriate for him as his parents this would never have been an issue. He would still be alive and you had none of these consequences or these bills.

JN: Absolutely. That was my argument from the beginning. I selected for him. How was it doctor that I was able to pick the number one pediatric neurosurgeon in the world and the number two that did his first and second surgery? Teach him to walk, talk, read and write because he could never go to school and ride a bicycle? But I wasn’t smart
enough for follow up therapy. The horror to us was in the United States of America, land of the free, home of the brave, you have no legal right as a parent to select your doctors or your treatment.

DM: At least for your children.

JN: Your child can be taken away from you. Pardon me.

DM: For your children.

JN: Correct.

DM: As an adult.

JN: Well, there are the rare cases in adulthood where if they want to push their product bad enough they would have you declared incompetent and the doctors take custody of you.

DM: That’s the trend.

JN: Right. I have a friend going through that right now – not a friend friend but a friend through association who just got the call. “I don’t know what to do. I’m 46 years old and they’re telling me I don’t have the right to make a decision for my father. The courts are going to take custody of him and give custody to the doctors. What do I do?” It’s madness.

DM: That’s a polite term.

JN: I’m trying to be polite. It’s my resolution for New Years’ I have never kept thus far.

DM: This really shouldn’t be happening in this country.

JN: Absolutely not.

DM: It shouldn’t be happening in any country. Let alone in the United States. If anyone who is watching this felt compelled to do something, what can they do to address this injustice?

JN: First of all on a local level, they need to become familiar with their representatives. They need to become familiar with their voting record and if they really want to help to be honest buy their representative a copy of the DVD and give it to them as a gift saying, “This is my concern. Tell me as my representative you won’t let this happen to me.” And then they need to educate themselves.

But going backwards in time, they need to start first with what they put in their mouth. What they’re eating. What they’re drinking. And not go off on a tangent, we have just in
the last few weeks been informed our water is radioactive – that there is leakage in New Mexico from where the depleted uranium is developed for warheads that’s gotten into our water table. Now, our water in Houston is reacting to Geiger counters. But we’ve been told by the powers, don’t worry about it. Your water is safe. I drink it too, bottled water.

They’re refusing to spend the money to put the proper filtration systems in to the water treatment plants, to make the water safe to drink. The elitist, they have their bottled water in glass not plastic because we don’t want the harmful things in our water but we can still drink out of a hose.

DM: It is sadness.

JN: It’s a crime against humanity. That’s what they need to do. They need to start with their representative, get them a copy of the film. You know, you don’t have to have cancer to be an activist, to form a local group. If nothing else, let that group become a brain trust. Know your enemy. Learn and again, like for example with the Canary Party, this is not just autism, it’s vaccine, it’s cancer, it’s asthma, it’s diabetes…

DM: Heart disease.

JN: Heart disease of which six heart attacks and an open heart surgery since his death. The doctors are like, “How is it you keep living?” I was like, “I don’t have an off switch.”

DM: Many people don’t realize, we talk about traditional risk factors but clearly stress is one of the major ones.

JN: Stress is a killer.

DM: So that can contribute to heart disease and cancer.

JN: Yeah. They can form groups and get together once a month, one every two months and talk. What are our needs in our community? What are the laws in our community?

DM: Has anything resulted from the legislation that you had?

JN: We’re still working on it. The original bill which was the Thomas Navarro Patient Rights Act is actually being matured. It’s gone from 3-1/2 pages. We’re now at 14 pages and counting. We’re going to be reintroducing, Lord willing before this session is over, and it’s an expanded version. The beginning starts with the original premise of the 3-1/2 pages but now we’re kind of like forcing everyone to get in to lock step 2 – the insurance can’t discriminate and so on and so forth.
One of the target cities to have a showing is Washington. We’re working on getting a theater that they can secure for the representatives and the senators. They’re getting a free showing and they love free. We can tell by how well they spend their money. We’re going to educate them. We’re going to do question and answer and then we’re going to say, “Okay, time to pass the bill. It’s been in the coffer. Do the right thing. You didn’t do it last time.” I find it an irony that Senator Kennedy died of the very same cancer that killed my son. I remember back in the day when he said, I will never let this bill make it through the senate. I will kill this bill.

DM: Has the bill passed congress now?

JN: No. It’s already been in two sessions and again, I hate to say it, it is a left-right issue. It’s not an up and down issue like most everything else we have. Henry Waxman killed it the first time. Kennedy killed it in the senate. We’re doing it all over again. The difference now is people generically are so angry with government whether it’s left or right, that it’s back to up and down, good thing/bad thing.

DM: Are there any provisions in the legislation that address the Child Protection Services?

JN: Not yet. That’s the very thing I’m working on right now because that’s the one thing that wasn’t covered in there. But again, referring to an earlier case that I was involved with where the family did the same thing. They ran. They came back. We negotiated the peace. We got them into treatment. I say we generically although I was personally involved but we as the mass, the family and the allies. It happened to be an election year and as a result, we got new legislation that was passed in like two weeks.

Have you ever heard of a bill going from the hopper to log two weeks? I haven’t. It now says, before you can charge me and take my child and treat him against our will, you have to take me to court and prove I’m crazy. If you can’t prove I’m crazy, guess what, you don’t get my child.

DM: So that’s passed now?

JN: In the state of Utah, yes. That’s when the light came on and I thought, you know what, maybe the way we’re doing this isn’t necessarily the best way. Maybe we need to grassroots it by changing the law state by state. That’s what the viewing audience can do. They can become active in their state.

DM: In Utah you don’t have to worry about this at this point because it’s passed.

JN: Right. It’s been law for several years now.

DM: But in the other states…

JN: All bets are off.
DM: All bets are off and they really are in no different scenario than you went through yourself and there is no advice or strategy that you can have other than to be proactive, recognize this as a potential tragedy that could occur and to pass this legislation now in your state before it’s too late.

JN: Right. What they need to do basically because I was just again recently within the last couple of weeks contacted by an attorney in LA who happened to also be involved with the Danny Hauser case out of Minnesota who has a client that’s already been grabbed and jailed. Children have already been taken and it all starts with, I need a second opinion. I want to look for other therapies. That’s ringing the dinner bell to conventional medicine.

DM: It is ever possible to – while I guess in your case with Dr. Burzynski because his protocol just allow him to provide his therapy requires that you essentially get an exemption from the traditional medical system otherwise they shut him down.

JN: Here is the irony before Thomas, it wasn’t the case. Before Thomas, we could have gone in the sense that…

DM: If hadn’t seen the traditional physician first.

JN: How it started was I believe it was Dustin Canary was the last child to go through Burzynski before the FDA goes, Oh my God, this stuff actually works. We have to do something. We have to stop this madness. That’s when they put the protocol in place. That’s when they said, okay, wait a minute, now we change our minds. Here is what you’re going to do. You have to do chemo first. You have to do radiation first. You have to fail both. You have to have recurrent tumor. It has to be progressing. Then we give you the blessing that you’re now officially sick with cancer.

Because what they’re doing is they’re stacking the deck. They’re so poisoning the body and destroying the immune system that they’re guaranteed that there is no hope of saving the individual and they can say, “See, we told you it doesn’t work. We told you he’s a quack.” Versus, the patients that went straight to diagnosis to Burzynski and survived. I shouldn’t use the word survive. They live full and happy lives. Because survive makes it look like there was a struggle when there isn’t and that’s the difference.

Your salt levels come up so you have to drink more water to keep flushing your body. So you go to the bathroom more. That’s a side effect. It’s not like plan B conventional with Thomas, loss of memory, loss of IQ, hypothyroidism, hypopituitarism, blindness, sterility, cerebral necrosis, and the list goes on.

I mean I remember the first bag of chemotherapy. I think it was the Vincristine because that’s before the methotrexate cocktail they gave him. The doctor filled out a prescription, hand me, you can walk down to the corner drugstore and get this. I said, “What’s this?” “This is just a little pill to help him with the chemo so it doesn’t burn a
hole through his stomach.” I said, “Really?” I head off to the pharmacy, $1500 for a month’s supply. Guess what? No insurance, no coverage, out it comes. I said to the pharmacist, “I got a great idea. Why don’t we just not give him the chemotherapy therefore I don’t have to buy this.” Why would you use a treatment, a standard of care so deadly, so lethal that it will just like acid burn a hole through his stomach?

In fact that was another revelation. I had gone to the local medical bookstore near downtown Medical Center in Houston bought an OSHA safety manual. It will make you an insomniac when you read about the protocols for chemotherapy. You don’t touch it. You let the nurses do it because they don’t make as much as you. You dilute it or it eats through the containers. You don’t touch it because nurses that accidentally touch it have babies with birth defects that are nothing short of like thalidomide babies in the 60s. It’s just bad stuff. I’m thinking, oh my gosh, if our government organization for safety says, this stuff is dangerous don’t touch it. Then why in God’s name am I pumping it into the bloodstream of my child?

DM: Because that’s what the traditional model dictates and that’s the strategy they use as really aptly described by the title of your film, Cut Poison Burn to increase their profits and really use to justify this type of approach because it in no way, shape, or form (indiscernible ) is the underlying cause of the disease. It doesn’t at all.

Another point that I wanted to mention is that obviously Dr. Burzynski performs what appears to be miracles because he’s using a relatively natural approach that the body is designed. It’s enhancing his body’s immune response to address this. But it’s really well for some specific types of tumors, specifically the type that Thomas had.

JN: Brain tumors in general.

DM: Yeah. For other tumors like the pancreatic cancer, he may not be the best approach, Dr. Gonzales. So the key here is that we’re not promoting Dr. Burzynski as the end all, see all but to do your homework, to find out the best therapist or alternative treatment for that specific problem and to have the freedom to make that selection.

JN: That’s right. He’s not the silver bullet. He’s a letter in the alphabet. He’s the B cure. Dr. Contreras is the C cure and it goes on and on. I’ll give you an example. You’re one of only a couple of people I have shared this with. We brought in doctors from Tibet when he was in New York. Children are like dogs in the sense that they can sense evil. Every time there was a conventional doctor, he was like, “Don’t touch me.” And every time it was someone from outside of the box, it was a hug and a kiss on the cheek because in his mind he knew who is going to hurt him and who wasn’t going to hurt him.

A lot of people don’t understand that in Tibet they practice medicine for 30 years before they are allowed to have a real patient. After his MRIs, after his surgery, Thomas had
11 inoperable tumors in his head, neck, and spine. They gave him what they refer to as the jewel. It looked like a jaw breaker. They ground it up until it was just like dust and then you brew and steep it as a tea and it’s set overnight. He had one cup a day. It took 10 weeks, I believe it was, no tumors, no cancer, gone, done. The hospital freaked out. Who are these guys? What are they doing? And that’s when they went after the chemo. Sorry, hospital policy. Got to have the chemo, 10 cycles, blah, blah, blah. There wasn’t going to be a chance to get in there with something that worked. They had to make bloody sure that they dispatched it.

DM: That’s the desire and the intention, the end result on their part is not necessarily to find something that works but is to implement their strategy.

JN: They’re very Pavlovian and that’s a tragedy. As time has gone by, I have seen more and more and you know, people expect me to be a devotee, a follower of Burzynski. Dr. Burzynski, great man, brilliant man, he saved a lot of lives, done a lot of great work but I have a wider bandwidth. It’s like okay, this is all fine and well. What if he dies? Who else is out there? Then I started doing my own research again looking for those that produce the greatest results in the various fields and that’s why I was able to get my friend Tom to go to New York and meet with Dr. Contreras.

DM: And fortunately, this is the electronic age, we’re in the 21st century and we do have tools like the internet which is what you used to actually find Dr. Burzynski initially. So the information is out there.

JN: It’s out there. All you have to do is look for it.

DM: Right. It’s not like it’s hidden under a rock somewhere.

JN: And you don’t have to learn the secret handshake or anything. It’s available. But I will say this about that. Before they just generically Google like a cancer or a doctor, look into the chatrooms first because that’s the culmination of everyone that’s out there, Googling doctors and checking therapies. They’re telling their results.

DM: How does someone find that chat rooms?

JN: When they Google basically it will say whether it’s a forum or it’s a chat room or whether it’s a website to a particular product. Because my wife is always telling me don’t make eye contact because as you probably can figure by now I’m a bit of a talker sometimes. I look for where people go to talk even in cyberspace because I want to know what they’re thinking. I want to know. That common thread was always, “Thank God I went to Houston.” I found a Dr. Burzynski – gluteal blastoma, pineal blastoma, all the peanuts, as they’re calling the PENTs, medulloblastoma. That was that common thread. Their child was now going to live and it’s like that is where I need to be. That’s when the journey and the nightmare began.
DM: For those who are interested in supporting your mission and helping you recover from some of the challenges in helping you pay back your bills, the DVD is available. I believe it's on our site. Any of the funds we collect go directly to you. We don't take anything for that or they can get the film on your site which is www.CutPoisonBurn.com

JN: Sure, download it or buy it. In fact, they can also when they go on there, they can see where the screenings are. Because as they pop up, again, the way we're doing is kind of the motive of the madness of thinking outside the box is not only are we just showing it but we're doing it in theaters where there is a bit of a stage where afterwards producer, director and some of us that were in the film.

Unfortunately, I'm always there because that's what they want because I need a break from it emotionally but we do it like a town hall, question and answer, does anyone have any questions? It starts and then we start sharing and educating. The irony is when we were in New York we had just really an unusual cross cut of life there.

What amazed were these guys and you could tell they were professional in some way come all walking up like in a crowd and they go, I have a three-year-old son. I didn't know that. I have a six-year-old daughter, I didn't know that and they're all naming their sex and their age. What do we do? It's like, well guys, what do you for a living? We work in Rudy Giuliani's law firm. I'm like, really? Send out an email. Get it out to your guys.

I personally first educate the people. That's my goal, my dream and then if the good Lord blesses then money will be made. But I'm not banking on it probably because I have been in the struggle too long since his death.

DM: These screens that occurring across the country hopefully a nucleus can be formed.

JN: They'll all be listed.

DM: And a group can get together and spearhead an effort to pass legislative efforts in a local basis and state-wide basis because it's got a lot better chance of (indiscernible) than a Federal one.

JN: The momentum, yes.

DM: Especially since Utah is already done.

JN: Yeah. We can refer to that and we can also show the example of other families that have been in the battle raging against the machine that has come out on top.

DM: I think that's the key. I mean if you have the thugs, the CPS (Child Protection Services) enforcing to dictate of the medical bureaucracy that's the key. If you sever that connection then you have the freedom to initiate whatever therapy you want.
**JN:** Absolutely. It’s interesting doctor too because the one thing we didn’t really cover was the second CPS case against us in Texas. In Texas where they physically tried to keep grabbing him. Show up at the hotel and take it. Of course we were alerted by staff because they all fell in love with him. “Hey, there is a car out here. It’s got no plates on it but they’re getting out in suits carrying paperwork.” They kept saying, “We’re from so and so news. We would like to know where Thomas is. What room is he in? Wrong, that’s not how it’s done especially when there is no press credentials. They go, They’re off at the animal petting zoo today. They won’t be in until tonight. And then the minute they walk out, “Hey, Jim. They’re in this car.” This is what they have done. Of course with connections that I have, run the plates, it’s country vehicle. It’s CPS vehicle.

It’s like okay guys, next time they come just call, you don’t even have to do anything just say, they’re here and we’ll throw the backdoor with them. There is so much that we’ve gone through. So many, gosh I can remember, you know, probably see this one the sequel comes to fruition. Meeting a member of congress that warned me to back off. He says, “Son, you can’t go up there. You’re going to cost a lot of people a lot of money, put a lot of people out of work and they’re just not going to think kindly to that. We’ve been receiving death threats in the night. You’ll never live to see him treated. Back off. You can’t go before congress with the various attempts and such. I got real close to him and I said, “Sir, from my mouth to God’s ear, anything happens. I’m coming back.” And then the calls stopped. How could he know about our situation when we have never met? How was it that a director of the FDA is trying to do a secret deal when we’ve never talked? There is a web in there. I just happen to be dog that hunts. I’m not afraid.

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Until I draw my last breath, I’ll keep fighting for whoever needs help.

**DM:** You’re on a mission. For every tragedy there can be some good that comes out of it. If you take that opportunity to do that and that’s certainly what you have done.

**JN:** For every life that is saved I thank God. That’s one family that won’t have to go through what Donna and I did because we’re still living it. We’re out there ways and still living it.

**DM:** Sorry you had to go through with that and are still challenged with the after effects of Thomas’ death and that whole process.

**JN:** And the battle starts all again when we go back and reintroduce the bill. I encourage people get busy, get educated and start with your local government. Look up Google, look at your own local CPS to see if there has been any complaints because there are agencies that under scrutiny in federal investigation for abuses within their systems. Sadly, a case where we are where a child was put up to adoption by CPS
because parents were clearly criminal and drug addict. The family went to adopt, walking out the door, on the adoption date sign the papers and make you remember the family. CPS walks up, we’re here for little Susie. Let’s call her. We’re on the way to the courthouse to sign the papers. No you’re not. Mom and dad want her back. What do you mean? They’re drug addicts. They’re criminals. No, no, no, we’ve decided they’re the natural parents they are turning in a new leaf. They have the right to have their child back. They took the child. Face down in a toilet, a week later, dad would burn into her back with cigarettes. I cry. No one held him accountable because they were a government agency. That’s the stuff you need to go crazy over – accountability. Nothing gives you the right to decide my future until we determine first whether you have integrity. That goes for politicians, all the way up the food chain.

DM: Ultimately, we all need the responsibility to take control of our own health and reap the benefits or the consequences of not doing that, of not having it forced by some external governmental authority.

JN: We do have a saying in Texas, “My mom only raised ugly children. She drowned the dumb ones.” I live by that. My parents taught me to use my head and never forsake common sense.

DM: Unfortunately, it’s not too common.

JN: Not anymore.

DM: Thank you for everything you have done.

JN: Thank you.

DM: Hopefully our readers and our viewers will support you with your efforts and provide some help and assistance in that direction and certainly view the film and spread it around to others because it’s definitely a message that needs to be seen and need to be heard to prevent this type of tragedy from occurring again in the future.

JN: It happens everyday sadly, 1500 a day. Thank you for having me. I pray that the people will get out there and get their feathers up, get educated.

DM: Thanks.

JN: Thank you doctor. It’s good to see you.