

no guess work. She had months and months of lab work. Then her blood was sent to Cincinnati Childrens Hospital and studied. Pretty much the best way they explained it was starting at the top of a pyramid and working its way down. That's when they found that the EBV virus decided it would make its home in the CD20 protein in her B Cell. The treatment would only work if it was in her B Cell and not T Cell. Pretty much they studied until they found where her body "had a short" and kept the EBV virus from going dormant like it should have been. It was literally eating her muscles away where she couldn't even make it up our stairs. Her senior year last home football game she cheered at was the absolute toughest trying to see her cheer and her body wouldn't do the motions. Absolutely no guess work just one determined Dr who also worked with her Oncologist since her symptoms, labs and Pet Scans all mocked B Cell Lymphoma. It wasn't until the bill came back EBV and that's when they started studying her blood. Her primary care doctor could not even interpret these lab results. We had one amazing team of about 5 different Doctors who were so determined and never gave up. I will say it took many times early in her high school where some Doctors made her feel it was just in her head. Her Immunologist is now over her care and we are so blessed to only have to go now every 3 months but this is just one binder I have with her team of Doctors and medical records. It was so overwhelming but my daughter wasn't giving up and neither were they. She is now able to go to college 5 hours away and her senior year we were mentally preparing ourselves for the worst. Lots and lots of lab work though over about 9 months.



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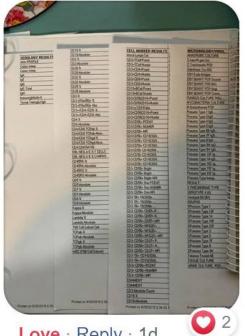
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I cannot remember in which order these test were done but these are the studies right off that I can recall. The results seemed to take forever to get in too but the wait was so worth it.

- B Cell Subtype Screening
- NK Cell Study
- Humoral Immunity Panel
- STAT 1 and 4 Signaling Mechanism (plays big role in killing virus)
- T Helper 17/ IL17
- Autoimmune Lymphoproliferative Panel (ALP5)
- Perforin/Granzyme Test
- Antibody Dependent NK Cell Cytotoxicity
- EDTA Plasma
- Whole Exome Sequencing Genetic Testing (with appeal my insurance finally agreed to cover)
- Cell Markers (A TON attaching picture I took from my daughters just left out her name and results.
- NK Cell and B Cell Sorting (this is one where they narrowed down the break down in her bone marrow, B Cell and specifically in the CD20+protein

I hope this helps a little bit and I pray you get answers too!!! It's so tough and so much harder when Drs make people feel it's in their heads. I hate that and I'm sorry you are having such a hard time. Good luck and keep searching for answers!!!



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my daughter the first couple years of high school struggled so bad. I hated dropping her off at school knowing how bad she felt but she didn't want to miss. I would always ask her "do you want me to find another Dr" and she would say "why so they can just keep telling me it's in my head" Seriously I felt so helpless and would just cry. Of course not in front of her because man she was strong. Then at the end of her Jr year we were seen 3 times in a week and then finally ended up in the Urgent Care where the Dr told me "something is seriously wrong with your daughter.....I don't know what but please take her straight to the ER". I raised the question what if they just tell us the same and I will never forget her words she said "you keep pushing and pushing until you get answers but it's not in her head". That gave me all the push to keep on fighting until we had answers but in that time it was amazing to see such lack of knowledge. I told her Doctor so many people struggle with this and there is definitely a shortage of Doctors with proper knowledge and research. The Doctors seriously thought they were going to have to tell us she had B cell lymphoma. When they did the biopsy in her neck they came out and said "whelp it definitely was all in her head because she had 100's of swollen clusters of lymphnoids in her neck. When pathology came back her EBV count was 28,800 craziness. It took us from March her Junior year to February her senior year to get answers. I believe even though she's at the children's hospital she sees adults too but it's finding an immunologist who will do a cell study on your blood and finding where your body has the short and fixing that. Her oncologist actually did extensive research in EBV and him and her Immunologist worked together and they had a research team have meetings every 3-4 weeks when her lab results would come back. So now that we have been down the road with her and she is feeling much better I am trying to see her too because I got mono in college and have never felt the same. I've been told for years I had narcolepsy but it's made me search and find answers for me too. I have been seeing a functional medicine Doctor who has helped tremendously in vitamin deficiencies but there is still a reason that our body doesn't work properly. It's finding a Dr that will find the source of the problem and not just treating the symptoms. Good luck and keep fighting!!!! It's a tough battle to fight