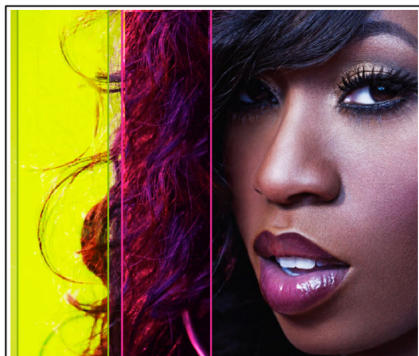


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### Missy Elliot Revelas Health Battle!!

It's been six years since we heard from Missy Elliott. Where has she been? Well, the rap artist has been diagnosed with the incurable disease - GRAVES. You may ask...what is that? It's an incurable autoimmune disorder caused by an overactive thyroid. The disease makes it very difficult for Missy to complete her daily task. She told People Magazine:

**“You live with it for the rest of your life,” she said to People. “I couldn’t write because my nervous system was so bad – I couldn’t even use a pen. I couldn’t keep the brake down [while driving] and I almost crashed.”**

Wikipedia describes the disease as "an autoimmune disease where the thyroid is overactive, producing an excessive amount of thyroid hormones (a serious metabolic imbalance known as hyperthyroidism and thyrotoxicosis). This is caused by autoantibody (TSHR-Ab) that activate the TSH-receptor (TSHR), thereby stimulating thyroid hormone synthesis and secretion, and thyroid growth (causing a diffusely enlarged goiter). The resulting state of hyperthyroidism can cause a dramatic constellation of neuropsychological and physical signs and symptoms."

Next week, Missy Elliot will open up about her experience with Graves as well as many other subjects including her the sexual abuse she endured as a child in a new episode of VH1's Behind the Music. In addition, she speaks in the latest issue of People. Missy explains the details surrounding how she was diagnosed with the disease. While driving her vehicle in 08 she says: "My leg was jumping, I couldn't keep the brake down and I almost crashed." Elliott went on to describe how her nervous system became so spastic, she couldn't even hold a pen to write music -- a devastating moment for an successful artist! How does she feel today? Missy says

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**"My thyroid is functioning, so I haven't had to take medication in about nine months. [But] you live with it for the rest of your life."**

You can hear more about this disease on VH1 Wednesday, June 29th at 10 p.m. ET/PT. Finally, when asked why share her story; Missy replied, "I felt that I would be able to help other people," she told PEOPLE magazine. Well we missed you dearly Missy and we are VERY happy you are feeling MUCH BETTER!!!