

Fritz's Fight with Cancer



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(Photos taken by family of Fritz and provided by Fritz for the public viewing)

"Fritz" is a delightful 76-year-old gentleman who I was asked to see for a second opinion in early 2010 and I have been following him and managing his cancer care since. Unfortunately he was misdiagnosed with the wrong cancer in his local community which led to ineffective treatment. This allowed his cancer to spread and he was suffering from severe weakness, pain, weight loss, and bleeding when I first met him. After a correct cancer diagnosis was made (poorly differentiated prostate cancer) we were able to start aggressive treatment. He had a long road to recovery and spent nearly five months hospitalized and in rehabilitation. He did have a complete response to treatment and remains free of prostate cancer today and is often seen out walking in his hometown. However, the story continues and he is now faced with a new, unrelated lung cancer which was caught very early because of the continuing follow-up care he had been receiving for his prostate cancer. He is again battling cancer with hopes of a cure. This has been emotionally hard on Fritz and his family given he lost his wife to lung cancer just a few years ago.

Fritz has offered to share his story in hopes it might help or inspire other people facing cancer. Listen to "CancerOpinions with Dr. Luke" on 1110AM KFAB Sundays 9:30AM. Hear from Fritz, his family, and the physicians involved as his story continues to unfold.

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