



A PATIENT-FOCUSED ORGANIZATION

VIRTUAL NATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP MEETING VIA ZOOM

SUNDAY, June 12, 2022

GENERAL MINUTES

Life is life, fight for it

Note: The purpose of these minutes is to share information among members of the group and to provide a journal of various treatment journeys. While names are not used to protect privacy, it is never possible to completely guarantee anonymity or confidentiality. If you do not wish to have your (anonymous) information included in the minutes, please inform the chair. If you share personal health information about anyone other than yourself (at the meetings or otherwise), we assume you do so with his or her permission.

1. Research

Click here to see this month's treatment & clinical research updates: [Treatment and Clinical Research Updates](#)

2. Sharing

(Please note: Not all patient and caregiver stories are contained in this document. Please join us at our Zoom meetings every third Sunday of the month to gain the true benefit of patients' inspirational journeys. See upcoming meeting dates appearing at the end of this document). Comments have been edited for clarity.

(New Case # 298) He was diagnosed in October 2021 with Stage 2A Colon Cancer. He subsequently had a resection and three months of chemo. A recent CT scan shows that he has a fatty liver.

(New Case #299) She is the caregiver for her 54-year-old husband. He was diagnosed with mucinous signet ring cell adenocarcinoma colon cancer. He had his first initial surgery on January 29/22 (right hemicolectomy and partial removal of appendix) followed by postoperative complications requiring two more surgeries due to anastomotic leaks and development of abscesses. Her husband does not have the option of adjuvant chemotherapy because more than 12-16 weeks has gone by post op. She reached out to a GI surgical oncologist, and he has requested a scan scheduled for June 25th.

(Case # 292) She is 45 years old. She had surgery on her sigmoid colon and was diagnosed with stage 3C. She was later diagnosed with stage 4 with lung mets. She is presently on Folfox 6 and they are doing more genetic testing. She will question her oncologist to see if she should be taking B12. She is experiencing gas pains which are probably caused by chemo.

(New case #300) She is 73 years old. She was diagnosed with stage 4 MSI-High disease in 2020. Her disease completely resolved because she was prescribed Pembrolizumab (Keytruda). A recent ct scan revealed there may be something suspicious going on. She is on Keytruda and takes mistletoe. She would like a transfer of care to another oncologist from the BC Cancer Agency. She will be having an MRI to explore spots on the liver

(Case #286) She is presently on a chemo holiday from folfiri. She is being referred to a thoracic surgical oncologist to see if she qualifies for the In Vivo Lung Profusion study for the treatment of her lung metastases. She has just recently advised us that Dr. Cypel has approved her for the surgery and study to the lung metastases to both her lungs provided she continues to stay off the chemo for a bit longer, in the hopes there is no explosion of disease in her lungs.

(Case #275) She is a caregiver to her husband who has exhausted the standard of care therapies for his stage IV disease. It was suggested she view the presentations on Clinical Trials and on The Medical Management of Metastatic Colorectal Cancer at the upcoming My Colorectal Cancer Coach Training and Certification Program from June 14-16.

(Case #283) He is a stage III patient who is NED. He is scheduled for scans and bloodwork on September 26 but is otherwise doing very well.

(New Case #301) She is 45 years old and was diagnosed with rectal cancer on February 21, 2022. She had chemoradiation then rectal and liver surgery in January 2022. Her February 2022 CT scan was clear. Her April 13, 2022 scan showed multiple spots on the liver. She is now on Folfiri and Avastin. She is going to meet with a liver specialist and is trying to get a consult at the Mayo Clinic. She is not aware if she had biomarker testing.

The next meeting dates for 2022 are as follows at 1:00 p.m. sharply:

[Sunday, July 17, 2022](#)
[Sunday, August 21, 2022](#)
[Sunday, September 18, 2022](#)
[Sunday, October 16, 2022](#)
[Sunday, November 20, 2022](#)

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