

Re: Dying of leukemia – any hope?

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Larry,

I was thinking of a second opinion. Would there be any point? My sister-in-law stresses that the doctor here is very good and the problem is mom's age. She has AML. Not sure the names of those drugs and they're not answering the phone right now for some reason. She might be able to travel if she doesn't get any worse. A consultation over the phone would be ideal as it wouldn't be as disruptive and it wouldn't be as regrettable if it didn't lead to anything. I notice on the Johns Hopkins website that it says that they don't give medical advice over the phone. But I will bring the second opinion idea up again tomorrow.

What do you think of Memorial Sloan-Kettering, M.D. Anderson, Cancer Treatment Centers of America?

Thanks for posting.

Robert

"Larry" <Larry@nospam.net> wrote in message
news:ccv7e8\$ffs\$1@news.btv.ibm.com...

> *Robert,*

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> *Very hard to say without knowing many more details such as the exact
> type of leukemia, her test results, and the exact drugs that she has
> been treated with thus far.*

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> *My advice to you is to seek out another expert and get a 2nd opinion. If
> she cannot travel, some hem-oncs will do a consultation over the phone
> ... but you'll have to get copies of all her medical records and send
> them off to the 2nd opinion doc. Try to find a good hem-onc who
> specializes in leukemia only at a major medical institution such as
> Emory or Johns Hopkins.*

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> *Larry E.*

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> *Robert wrote:*

> > *My mother was diagnosed with leukemia in September 2002 at the age of 71.*

> > *She had chemo and the leukemia went into remission for 14 months. As I understand it, the second chemo made her too sick and the newer drug they*

> > *tried didn't work. The doctor sent her home saying there was nothing more*

> > *he could do. She is not too well, although she can get up and walk around.*

> > *She has to go to the doctor every day. She takes antibiotics and some other*

> > *pills too, I think. My understanding is that further treatment would likely*

> > *kill her so they're just going to try to keep her alive as long as possible*

> > *and as comfortable as possible. She is now 72. Her doctor is very*

> > *distinguished in the field. She is in West Virginia.*

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> > *Do we have to give up?*

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> > *Robert*

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