

Re: Progression? Late Stage Stomach Cancer.

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<news4u2chew@yahoo.com> wrote:

- > *Let's put it this way.*
- > *Maybe others who know the person are reading.*
- > *Making a less personal reference to the person involved also makes it*
- > *easier to remain detached in this discussion. I didn't come here to*
- > *bare my soul. I opened this door purely for objective research.*
- > *A very close dear friend is facing his last days, maybe hours.*
- > *He may be dead by morning.*
- > *I am here to engage in an objective discussion and keep my emotions out*
- > *of it. But here I am non-the-less, getting emotional because of you*
- > *picking nits.*
- > *Don't you have anything better to do than to nit pick about how I*
- > *choose to discuss the experience I am facing?*
- > *Merry Christmas*

Merry Christmas to you too, news4u2chew,
dont get upset, its just that your posts created the wrong impression.
They came over as you being very impersonal, a bit too detached (almost cold) towards the guy whom you are in fact very close to. Cancer patients, no matter how close or distant they are to us, remain people, persons, individuals until the end. Not 'subjects', please.
Giving the guy antiemetics may help him keep his food down but bear in mind its not going to help the cause of the problem which is most likely an obstruction in his stomach.

If he refuses any heroic operations then he should at least consider palliative measures such as a stent or a bypass –if practical or simply a PEG–tube (percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy) which has become very popular with our head+neck cancer patients –basically a tube that goes straight thru the abdominal wall into the stomach) to keep him nourished. Otherwise he'll be emaciated towards the end with bedsores etc which isnt a pleasant way to die. It seldom goes as quicky as you think it could. Whether a PEG tube can be placed will of course depend where the tumor is located in the stomach.

You could do with some support too, try the alt cancer support news group (J has the details) if you have no shoulder to lean on.

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