

Re: Prostate Cancer Treatment Poses Bone Risk –Study

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Steph wrote:

- > *Ask your onc if there is evidence that that approach can 1) cure you or 2)*
- > *extend your survival or 3) make you feel better.*
- > *If he has such evidence and you believe it, do the treatment. If not, don't*

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this was posted in another thread on the prostate newsgroup.

This medical oncologist seems to feel he gained 4 months, but i don't see anything in the references and I don't see what he was hoping to accomplish, unless it related to the lymph nodes?

J

http://www.lefprostate.org/jun2003_desire_01.html

http://www.lefprostate.org/jun2003_desire_02.html

I have survived and, in many ways, flourished for almost 10 years. Six of these years have been characterized by excellent quality of life on many levels But there have been other losses and some deepened suffering connected with aggressive treatment. In the fall of 2000, for example, when I was again on leave in Montana, I experienced kidney failure as a consequence of lymph node swelling that blocked my ureters. I now have two nephrostomy tubes that require care but that are partially internal so that I urinate "normally." It became clear, however, that if my quality of life were to be sustained I would have to undergo further treatment.

After consultation with my oncologist, I endured 6 months of chemotherapy with Taxol, which gave me about 4 additional months of satisfactory quality of life. Then in the spring of 2002, I was diagnosed with cancer progression in my right femur and some involvement in my left hip. I underwent surgery and a pin was placed from the top of my femur to my knee. My left hip was radiated at the same time. My recovery was successful, and I went from a wheelchair to a walker to a cane and then to full mobility.