

## Re: Abandoned by the NHS !

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J

My understanding here is that Bob went for Cryotherapy based on recommendations made by his 'NHS' GP. The treatment is available on the NHS, just not in Bob's area & is therefore not 'out of system'. I would think that if representatives of the Bolton health care team are recommending options that Bob should consider then they should support his treatment. The point that I think Bob makes is the fact that a treatment available on the NHS is not being made available to him because of internal beaurocracy within the organisation. Bob is having to deal with red tape here which 'in an ideal world' would not be there, nor should it be there.

Alan.

"J" <[leah@privacy.net](mailto:leah@privacy.net)> wrote in message  
news:41F5F81A.6041E7EE@execulink.com...

> *Bob,*

> *Being from Ontario, you know (or should know) very well, that you don't go getting "out*

> *of the system" treatments without first checking if they'll be covered by the system. If*

> *they approve yours, they'd have to approve everyone else's and according to Dr. Walsh's*

> *book "None of these procedures has been tested widely, or evaluated with long-term PSA*

> *follow-up.". You were told that last May on the prostate cancer newsgroup.*

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> *As far as I know, in Ontario and most of Canada, one has to apply first to the health*

> *insurance (OHIP) and prove that the "out of system" treatment is better than what is*

> *currently available and/or the currently available treatment wouldn't be possible in a*

> *particular situation. (in order to get reimbursed)*

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> *The long-term effectiveness of cryotherapy is unknown.*

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<http://www.prostate-cancer.org.uk/learn/prostateCancer/treatment/cryotherapy.asp>

> *Very little long-term data on effectiveness. <end quote>*

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> *So you had the choices of surgery, RRP, RT, brachytherapy. (the others seem to soldier*

> *on through any difficulties, why would Bob think he couldn't?)*

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> *The treatment(s) you mention are considered experimental (see Current Research)*

> <http://www.cancerbacup.org.uk/Cancertype/Prostate>

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> *I don't see how the NHS abandoned you at all.*

> *J*

> *PS There's at least one failed cryotherapy on the prostate cancer newsgroup.*

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