

Re: Cancer doctor becomes cancer patient

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> Doctors often recommend "watchful waiting" for men over 70, because in
> many cases, the tumor grows so slowly the patient dies of something else.
> Two types of radiation therapy to kill the tumor were options, but Evjy
> decided surgical removal of the gland was the best approach, if only to
> find out what he was up against.

What an unusual choice for an oncologist..
Guess he didn't trust the histology report.

> "The thinking has been that if the PSA isn't sky-high and you're a
> youngster like me who at that time was approaching 70 and was otherwise
> healthy, do you want to just watch and wait?" he said. "My feeling was
> that what can really hurt you is what you don't know, so I made a decision
> to pursue it rather than just sit and wait."
> That opened up a new array of choices. Instead of conventional surgery,
> his involved a three-armed robot fitted with a tiny camera, magnifying
> lens and surgical tools. Sitting at a console, a surgeon used handgrips
> and footpedals to manipulate the robotic arms, which entered his body
> through quarter-sized incisions.

A urologist playing Game Boy on your prostate is not the way to go..

<ad for the da vinci system snipped>

> Within days, Evjy was going up and down the stairs of his new home,
> unpacking and moving things around. But the final pathology report showed
> that the tumor, though confined to the prostate, had been more aggressive
> than originally believed. That meant he was at high risk for a recurrence
> and had another decision to make.

Yup. Something he should have done right away. Radiation!

Guess the uro's toy didn't achieve a complete removal of the cancer.

> He endured six months of chemotherapy and a course of radiation and is now
> taking hormone therapy to suppress testosterone, which feeds the growth of
> prostate tumors. Aside some from hot flashes, Evjy says he feels 100%.
100% stupid about his prostate overkill..

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