



A Dedicated Team of Professionals Pulls Patient Through Fourth Cancer in 10 Years

Not too many people develop four different types of cancers and live to tell about it. But Orville Tomlinson just may have nine lives. Either that or for him, he's been fortunate enough to find the right doctors at the right hospital: a multi-disciplinary effort linking qualified physicians and caring staff with some of the most advanced technology available for the detection and treatment of cancer.

WHAT IS LYMPHOMA?

Lymphoma is a group of cancers that affect the cells that play a role in the immune system, and primarily represent cells involved in the lymphatic system of the body.

The lymphatic system is part of the immune system. It consists of a network of vessels that carry a fluid called lymph, similar to the way that the network of blood vessels carry blood throughout the body. Lymph contains white blood cells called lymphocytes, which attack a variety of infection agents as well as many cells in the predeceous stages of development.

Lymphoma is the most common type of blood cancer in the United States. It can occur at any age, including childhood.

More than 10 years ago, Orville Tomlinson was diagnosed with lymphatic cancer. He began his treatment at the Orange County Regional Cancer Center (OCRCC) at Fountain Valley Regional Hospital, and with hard work and dedication his cancer went into remission. But soon after, Orville was diagnosed with prostate cancer, and then later with bladder cancer. Again, with the help of his physicians, he made it into remission with both.

This past year, Orville had to jump another hurdle: lung cancer. After surviving three cancers, he was surprised to find that the fourth bothered him more than the others. One morning Orville awoke with blood in his urine and a nosebleed.

"My nose bled off and on for days—that scared me," remembered Orville. He went to his family physician, who discovered a spot on his lung through a chest X-ray and called his oncologist Dr. Hareh Jhangiani right away.

"He's been my patient through each of his cancers. He trusts me. He values my opinion and the opinion of his family physician," said Dr. Jhangiani, who relied upon all the exceptional services at the OCRCC to treat Orville. "We needed an advanced test performed. Fortunately for us, we have an exceptional group of interventional radiologists at FVRH, who are qualified and experienced at this type of procedure.

The results of the biopsy were positive: the nodule on his lung was malignant. Surgery was scheduled immediately with cardiothoracic surgeon, Reginald Abraham, M.D., who removed the nodule and any trace of cancer.

"Besides having skilled physicians, FVRH is blessed to have surgeons like Dr. Abraham. He has wonderful patient interaction, he's knowledgeable and he has great communication skills," said Dr. Jhangiani. "I really appreciate that he'll sit down and talk one on one with my patients. It's a fantastic quality in a surgeon."

This being his fourth cancer, Orville knew FVRH well. He knew he could expect a good experience at the hospital. He knew he'd be well cared for by the nurses and other professionals. They'd gotten him through crisis before.

Disclaimer: This testimonial reflects results achieved by this patient. As each case is different and must be independently evaluated and managed, actual surgical results will vary.