

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

My battle with melanoma began in 1998 when I was 35 years old. Thankfully the mole was removed at an early stage with no further consequences except for 6 monthly check-ups. However, in 2008 I noticed another suspicious mole on my lower back. Unfortunately, again this proved to be a melanoma and this one was slightly further advanced. It was removed along with a couple of nodes under my arm. The nodes were clear of cancer and it was hoped that the cancer had been checked in time. However, three years later a lump appeared and tests showed that the cancer had become metastatic. Removal of all nodes under my arm found two with cancer.

In 2012, pain in my back indicated the cancer had spread and a tumour needed to be removed from my spine. Radiation treatment was hoped to clear up any excess cells. Unfortunately, later tests showed the cancer had spread to a number of ribs and a couple of large tumours on the left of my body. Conventional surgery and radiation was not thought to be of much use. Chemotherapy I was informed was not very successful with melanoma and was only used as a last resort.

At this time I was introduced to Dr Chen. From our initial meeting his quiet yet sure manner filled me with confidence that there was still hope. He clearly and carefully explained to my wife and myself how the cancer worked and how through a combination of herbs, acupuncture and meditation my body's defences would be 're-armed' to fight the invading cancer. Beginning with weekly and then fortnightly visits my strength, and therefore confidence, increased.

From the first visit Dr Chen told us that the best results would come from working with, rather than in place of, conventional Western medicine. As such, shortly after the commencement of my treatment with Dr Chen, I managed to become part of a drug trial (PD-1) which also sought to build up my immune system to fight the cancer. While there have been other improvements by individuals solely on the drug trial, none had the drastic and quick improvement that I did. ***I have no doubt the treatment by Dr Chen prepared my body to be receptive to the drug while working alongside the drug to clear my body of any observable metastatic cancer.***

The complementary treatment (or two-tiered) approach has been of enormous benefit to me. Traditional Chinese Medicine has reduced pain and helped me regain my strength by building up my natural body defences. I thank Dr Chen for his knowledge, treatment and understanding over the past 15 months. I continue to see Dr Chen and look forward to benefiting from Traditional Chinese Medicine into the future.



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