

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

In September 2007 I was diagnosed with Squamous Cell Carcinoma, a type of skin cancer which has gone down to 2 of my left neck lymph nodes. The Oncologist Surgeon gave me no option but to take out the whole left neck muscle as the cancer was wrapped around the neck muscle and the jugulars vein. He said after the operation I will have trouble turning my head and move my shoulder. Confused and not knowing what to do, I just agreed and went through the preparation procedures for the operation. 2 days before the D day I woke up freaking out. I'm sure there must be a way to save my neck. I'll take my chances to not go ahead with the operation and instead seek alternative therapy.

I went to a Naturopath who prescribed me with green organic raw diet, also to a Chigong Master that gave bruises from his therapy, also to a GP who gave me very high dose of vit C plus Bs said to boost my immune system. But all this, after 5 months didn't do any good instead it got worst. The lump on my neck got bigger and bigger, it has spread to 6 lymph nodes and now with unbearable pain. I finally gave in to get a second opinion from another Oncologist. My GP referred me to Prof. Tattersall at RPA. At the same time, I also made an appointment to see dr. Chen, who's name my wife found browsing on the internet and also recommended by a friend.

By my Oncologist team I was prescribed a 2 course treatment, first, a 6 cycle of Chemo, Cysplatine and 5FU 24x6 thru a PIC line in my arm, with a 2wk break in between, the second course was even worst, 15 wks of Chemo and a daily 15 mins Radiation. By the end of this treatment I was like a dead vegetable (btw I'm a vegetarian of 20 yrs). I couldn't eat fm my mouth and had a peg tube in my stomach to get liquid food in. During this treatment I also see dr. Chen weekly to boost my immune system and reduce my stress from the Chemo / Radiation.

3 months after the treatment completed, on my first check up, the Radiation Oncologist and the Nurses were amazed that I hardly have a scar in my throat and my neck's skin was as normal as can be. That is very unusual to patients with the same treatment. Their neck skin would be tight, thick, hard and difficult to move. I did lose my taste and saliva fm the radiation, but it would be worst if I had to lose my neck flexibility too.

Now, after a year, I am on break seeing dr. Chen, I still go for my 3 monthly check ups with my Oncologists, I am back working full time as a Bus operator and living my life as normal as I can. I have no doubt that dr. Chen's treatment made a big difference in the healing of my illness.

Thank you dr. Chen, I owe this all to you. I would not survive without your positive encouragement, acupuncture and medicines that gave me the strength, and boosted my immune system to hold myself against this severe treatment.

I can never thank you enough for helping me get through the most crucial time in my life.



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