

Member story: Kevin



What started as severe abdominal pain for Kevin ended with a diagnosis of metastatic lung cancer.

Several weeks into chemotherapy, Best Doctors determined he had been misdiagnosed and was receiving treatment for the wrong cancer.

"Best Doctors was very helpful because if I hadn't received a second opinion the doctors would still be treating me for the other cancer," said Kevin.

Kevin's medical journey began when a CT scan showed abnormalities with his liver, revealing a large mass. Soon after, he was rushed to the hospital when he had trouble breathing. Chest imaging revealed blood clots in his lungs along with a large mass in his right lung and lesions in his bones and vertebrae. Following a liver biopsy, doctors determined the cancer started in Kevin's lungs and had spread to his liver, abdomen, and lymph nodes. Kevin was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.

Before beginning chemotherapy, Kevin had 10 straight days of radiation to treat a lesion on one of his vertebrae that was

putting pressure on his spinal cord, leading to numbness in his fingers. Following radiation, Kevin started chemotherapy to treat the lung cancer.

Kevin was already in touch with Best Doctors for an expert medical opinion on his treatment for rheumatoid arthritis. Best Doctors asked him if he wanted an expert medical opinion on his cancer diagnosis and treatment, and he

consented. Kevin had access to Best Doctors through his wife's employer, Speedway.

Best Doctors reviewed Kevin's medical records and retested his pathology. The Best Doctors expert determined the cancer started in the bile ducts of Kevin's liver, not his lungs, and Kevin's diagnosis was changed to bile duct cancer.

Best Doctors provided Kevin with a completely different chemotherapy regimen, and he is now receiving appropriate treatment. While Kevin's cancer is aggressive, he is no longer receiving an ineffective treatment for the wrong type of cancer.

"I would recommend Best Doctors to anybody who asks," Kevin said.

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