



## NEWS & UPDATES

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Medical Update - September 12, 2011

Rick has continued to recover from his fall and broken ribs that occurred in August. He did have to have a small operation to remove clotted blood and scar tissue that built up in his chest cavity and around his lung. He has had another PET/CT scan on August 31 and we were happy to see that his myeloma was stable and had apparently responded to the chemotherapy he was receiving before the fall. With this good news, he restarted the chemotherapy on September 2 and has been doing well. If you talk to him, you will notice that his voice is still strained due to vocal cord injury that occurred when the doctors placed a breathing tube in the emergency room. Despite the weak voice, he is feeling well and back to his exercise routine.

The next steps in Rick's cancer therapy are to try a new drug called pomalidomide in combination with the IV medication that he had already been using. We are hoping to get the multiple myeloma back into remission so that Rick can have another bone marrow transplant that will use cells from a donor. Fortunately, a perfect match donor has been found who will be available to donate the cells when Rick is ready. In the meantime, Rick is working on building back his strength after his injury and stay in the hospital.