



NEWS & UPDATES

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Rick expresses his heartfelt appreciation to the many, many people who are thinking of him.

An update on Rick's treatment follows:

Rick was diagnosed as having a reoccurrence of multiple myeloma in three bone sites. However, there was no myeloma found on the bone marrow aspirate. This is a good prognostic sign and suggests that the reoccurrence is not very aggressive. The bone sites are in his left hip and in two different backbones. These places were all treated with radiation that ended in late February. A follow up PET scan showed that they responded well and that no new lesions occurred.

He is now going through some chemotherapy with two very new drugs called Revlimid and Velcade. Both of these medication were developed at Harvard since Rick's original diagnosis seven years ago. He completed the first of four cycles and he is able to stay active and feels well. He anticipates finishing the fourth cycle in May and then having his second cell stem bone marrow transplant in June.

His doctors at Harvard (Dana Farber Cancer Institute) feel certain that he will recover nicely from the transplant and expect him to enjoy another long remission.

Plans are underway for the 3rd Biennial Angel Ball benefitting Rick's Multiple Myeloma Foundation and the Jessamine County Hospice of the Bluegrass. The celebration is on Saturday, September 27th at the R. J. Corman Hangar in Nicholasville, Kentucky. Tables of ten are available along with 4 Sponsorship Levels. Please contact Sandy Adams at sadams@windstream.net for more information.

Information Links:

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