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Condition: Non-small cell lung cancer, small malignant brain tumor
Country: NYC, USA
Gender: Male
Test results: EGFR & FISH negative, ALK positive

Symptoms to passing away: 13 years
Treatment: Surgical removal of right lung, insertion of breast implants, surgical removal of small malignant brain tumor, tarceva, gamma knife radiation, multiple rounds of chemotherapy, crisotinib, ceritinib
Age at diagnosis: 44

Patient Story: precision medicine for non-small cell lung cancer

Learnings
"Find a doctor you can trust with your life" Targeted therapies enabled higher life quality as the side-effects were not like the ones experienced with chemotherapy Molecular diagnostic testing extended the patient's life by 9 years
**Patient Story: precision medicine for lung cancer**

**Condition:** Lung Cancer  
**Country:** France  
**Gender:** Female

**Test:** Whole genome sequencing  
**Testing reimbursed:** Part of an early access programme  
**Test results:** ROS1 mutation

**Symptoms to diagnosis:** approx. 4 months  
**Treatment:** Targeted therapy then Radio-T-ChemoT, targeted therapy

**Learnings**

“Cancer diagnosis is like a tsunami.” During the first year I was not able to look up any articles on Lung cancer because I was so afraid to read about the low survival rates. I tried to look for patients like me through patient associations to share how I felt. Even though I professionally worked with oncology drugs, I still couldn’t understand all the different mutations/fusions/annexations and also never received any clarifications. I was lucky that I had very early access to targeted therapies after diagnosis. In my treatment center, I have access to pharmaceutical consultations, in which a pharmacist discusses the drug and side effects prevention.

**Anxious/fearful**  
**Frustrated**  
**Watchful**  
**Aware and reassured**  
**Sad**  
**Depressed**