

# ProtonPals Newsletter



## A NOTE FROM WYLIE P. THANKING THE PERSONNEL OF THE PTC AND REVIEWING THE PTC TOUR.

Dr. Cox,

My wife and I were fortunate to be able to participate in the PTC tour in September. Our expectations were high but they were exceeded. The tour was led by Rebecca Frame and Dona George with assistance from Mustafa Said. The facility is very impressive, but the knowledge, dedication and personalities of those three members of your staff are even more impressive. Ms. Frame explained the physics and the technical aspects of the process in a way that not only was understandable but also very interesting. Dona and Mustafa were also very knowledgeable and their pride in the center is infectious.

Thanks to the PTC for allowing these tours to take place, and please pass on our thanks to Rebecca, Dona and Mustafa. These tours and the support group meetings are valuable to current, past and prospective patients.

I graduated last week and want to tell you how fortunate I feel to have been treated at the Prostate Therapy Center with the best treatment procedure available at the best facility available. Even more important than the technical aspects are the PTC people. All the staff is dedicated, compassionate and always positive. They treat the patients with dignity, warmth, respect and a sense of humor.

The patients and their close family members are another people aspect of PTC that is outstanding. The help that I got from the "old timers" who were around when I started, and the daily support from the patients that started around the same time I did were both invaluable. While recognizing people I would be remiss if I did not include the most important person to me, my wife Dasha. Her mental, emotional and physical support was extremely important to me both during the decision making process and the treatment.

Regards,

Wylie

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## A NOTE AND A TESTIMONIAL FROM LARRY KING

I was diagnosed in September of 2006 with a PSA of 4.69. The doctor I saw gave me only four choices:

1. Surgery
2. Radiation
3. Radioactive seeds (wasn't available but was coming to Texarkana)
4. Wait

He gave me a book and told me to take my time in deciding which one I wanted. He of course recommended surgery. I have a long time friend who had gone thru prostate cancer so I gave him a call.

He said the good news was that he was cancer free but experienced a lot of problems post surgery. He also related to me that two of his friends had gone thru it also, one having radiation and he too had a lot of side effects. Then he said the other friend went to California for about three months and had a "new" type of radiation and returned home cancer free and had no side effects. He said it was Proton Therapy and that M. D. Anderson had started proton treatments in Houston. He said if he could do it over, he would do Proton Therapy.

I went to M. D. Anderson web site, watch the video and called the number. I got accepted in early November and started treatments the middle of November. I had no side effects during my 42 treatments and do not experience any now.

My PSA was at .30 at three months, the same at six months and this past week at nine months was at .20.

If anybody needs to contact me regarding the therapy, please pass on my emails and numbers.

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## A NOTE FROM JULIO

Thank you for sending all this information to me.

I plan to attend this meeting at MDAnderson Proton therapy on Wednesday October 24th from 1 to 2:30. It has been 8 months since I finished my Proton Therapy and I do not have any side effects at all. I go to the gym 5 days a week for 2 hours the same way I did before my proton therapy. I did not take any hormones and my last PSA 2 months ago was 3.5 from 7.5 before proton therapy. I expect it will keep going down in the next few months. I have an appointment to see Dr Lee and to have PSA levels next month of November.

Thank you for your time, Julio