



**Marc**

Very Important Patient (VIP)



"A clinical trial was never mentioned until I got to the end of my treatment. It's important to press your doctor about their knowledge of what's available."

- Went to the doctor for a mysterious rash; PSA levels high
- Started on chemotherapy immediately for 18 months.
- Bones in Marc's neck started to deteriorate, doctors decided they needed to stop the chemo.
- Marc underwent surgery and then went on hormone therapy.
- Marc had no health insurance.
- A few years into his battle, doctors suggested a clinical trial.
- Expenses began to pile up, someone on his oncology team referred Marc to Lazarex Cancer Foundation.

**Q: How did you make the decision to participate in the trial?**

"Joining a clinical trial was a decision; there were really no other options. Diagnosed in 2015, went through all available treatments. Chemo worked for a while, hormones worked for a while, but then it was no longer effective. My doctors suggested a clinical trial."

**Q. What exactly is a clinical trial?**

"A clinical trial is an opportunity to enhance your treatment, so what hasn't worked before may give you a chance to preserve your life."

**Very Important Patient (VIP) Tips:**



- Find out as much as you can about the clinical trials.
- Get the big picture at the beginning.
- Do your research!
- You must be proactive, do not sit back and let your doctor be the end-all.