

Lymphoma & Laughs

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When popular YouTube math and science educator Hank Green was diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma last year at age 43, he shared the news with his fans, raising awareness about the treatable blood cancer. Educating people about cancer, you might think, is in his wheelhouse. Now he's doing something new: a standup comedy special, *Pissing Out Cancer*, that, er, streams on Dropout. (The show's title refers to the fact that chemotherapy breaks down tumor cells, which exit the body through urine.)

In the special—and in his many related YouTube posts—Green, who is now in remission, divulges the good, bad and weird aspects of having cancer. “It’s hard to make pain funny. It’s hard to make fatigue funny,” he acknowledged to STAT News. “This whole show has been about me, but actually, the whole show is about humans and the experience of being human: a weird jumble of cells that’s experiencing the universe.”

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