Not Cancerous Enough

So basically the left lung doesn't show a distinctive enough tumor. Which is great! Hooray! I've kinda beat cancer!

January 21, 2018 By Amanda Hayes

It's been a week of mixed emotions. So I received my phone call from my consultant for the next plan of action and I can't say I was best pleased with the plan.

And strangely enough I surprise myself by saying this.

So the right lung where the bigger tumor is will be treated with radiotherapy. This will begin this week and I'll have 12 sessions. 12 sessions seem like a piece of cake after my 36 sessions last year!

And the left lung? Well they're just going to leave it.

Apparently chemo has worked too well. I've been told I shouldn't have improved so much between the scan after chemo 3 and the scan after chemo 6. They generally don't see any difference between the 2 scans so to find it's shrunk again means I don't fit into the normal cancer category… Again.

So basically the left lung doesn't show a distinctive enough tumor. Which is great! Hooray! I've kinda beat cancer!

But because the left side is so small they can't really target it with radiotherapy… So now it's too small.

They've decided to just leave it to see what happens.

Hence why my mixed emotions. I've been conditioned so much through treatment that treatment is good, treatment is important that it seems impossible for me to see this in a good way.

I feel like they're leaving me to walk this dangerous tightrope of life and cancer. I mean the growths to the lungs occurred within 3 months then doubled in size within a month. This is a serious cancer they are dealing with. This is my life!

I trust my consultant and the work she's done for me but I couldn't help but cry when she told me that she's not going to treat the left side. And never in a million years did I think I'd be crying over

the thought of not having treatment!! Maybe I shouldn’t have bitched so much about chemo! It obviously worked too well!!

This post originally appeared on Happy Smiling Cancer Girl on January 21, 2018. It is republished with permission.

© 2026 Smart + Strong All Rights Reserved.
http://beta.docker.cancerhealth.com/blog/cancerous-enough