Day 3,941 — VA and UCLA

Progress. Slow, steady progress.

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I received an email today confirming that the urologist had received, completed, and returned the referral form back to UCLA. They asked me to follow up with UCLA Department of Nuclear Medicine to confirm they received it. Gladly.

I called their scheduling office this afternoon to do just that but, unfortunately, my referral wasn't in the system yet. I checked the time on the email I received, and it was only about two hours before I called UCLA, so that kind of makes sense. She said that it can take 24 to 48 hours to get the referral into the system.

The scheduler said that they'd review the referral, place the order for the ^{68}Ga-PSMA-11 PET scan, and then call to schedule it. Right now, they're scheduling in late October unless there's a cancellation that I might be able to take advantage of.

On the one hand, I'm perfectly fine taking the ignorance-is-bliss mode of not rushing to this (considering my long PSA doubling time); but on the other, I want to get this going and find out what the next step will be. Right now, the primary thing on my mind is planning my next vacation.

I'll call again on Friday to see if my referral landed in the system, and we'll go from there.

That's the latest in this odyssey.

Be well!

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