

Prostate Cancer, Day 4,830 – PSMA PET Scan

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PSMA PET scan No. 2 is behind me.

This was different from and easier than the first one. That's because the VA just did a PET scan today, whereas my scan at UCLA included a CT scan on top of the PET scan.

That fact really didn't occur to me until all was said and done. I'll have to ask the doctor about the different approaches.

In any case, today they juiced me up with Gallium-68 shortly after arrival. About 45 minutes later, I was on the scanner table ready to go. I barely felt the table move me through the scanner, and it took about 45 minutes to complete the scan.

Of course, the technician wouldn't give me any sneak peak insights. "The doctor will interpret the scan." I expect it could take a week or so for me to see any notes in my online records.

Again, even with my PSA closing in on 0.40 ng/mL, there's only about a 50-50 chance it will give us any useful information at that PSA level. (As a refresher, my PSA going into the UCLA scan was 0.22 ng/mL.)

More to come.

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