

Prostate Cancer, Day 5,621 – Oncology Appointment Set

Blogger Dan Zeller aims to get an alternative scan to find out what's going on with his prostate cancer.

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The scheduler called this afternoon and we set up an appointment with the medical oncologist (MO) on Tuesday, 14 April 2026.

Hopefully, I can enlist the MO as an ally in trying to get an alternate scan to see if we can find out what's happening with the cancer.

I did write to the urologist on Monday to let him know that I came away from the phone call with a different understanding of what's next compared to what he wrote in his summary notes. (My emails are included in my medical chart, and I wanted to be on the record that we had a disconnect in communications.)

I did my best to keep my emotion out of what I wrote, and tried to present it as me wanting him to further explain his viewpoint. I wrote, in part:

I agree with you that PSMA PET scans have become the gold standard for most patients. But we also know from multiple studies that 5% – 10% of patients don't express PSMA and the scans won't work for them.

I believe the fact that I've had four 68-Ga-PSMA-11 PET scans that haven't located my cancer is strong, objective evidence that I may be in that small group of patients for whom the scans don't work (barring any other possible test/proof that shows I don't express PSMA). The last two scans should have had an 80% – 90% chance of detection at my respective PSA levels.

Please help me understand more definitively why you believe PSMA PET scans work for me, and what further evidence you would need to convince you that I may be in that group for whom the scans don't work.

Finally, you stated that there was "limited likelihood that Axumin would provide additional

clinically actionable information.” How would we know that unless we try? Axumin scans have an 80% chance of detecting something at PSA levels over 2.0 ng/mL.

We banked on PSMA PET scans to provide that clinically actionable information, yet time after time, they haven’t.

I’ll let you be the judge as to whether I kept the emotion out of my email. Again, the email to him went out Monday afternoon, so I wouldn’t expect a response for a few more days (if he’s even inclined to respond). I’m not sure if it was coincidence or if he pushed Oncology to call me because I did note at the end of my email that I hadn’t heard from them yet.

We’ll have to see how this plays out. More to come.

Be well.

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