

LUNG AND ESOPHAGEAL CANCER TESTIMONIALS

“In September, 2011, I was diagnosed with lung cancer and referred to Cardiothoracic Surgery at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth. An initial appointment was scheduled immediately. During the initial appointment my surgeon was very honest, thorough, compassionate and positive. He understood the importance of including my wife throughout the process and put us both at ease in a very difficult situation. He explained in detail the diagnosis, the treatment options, and the expected outcomes. He anticipated many of our questions, gave us the opportunity to digest the information, responded to our questions honestly and encouraged us to get as much information as we needed.

Once the choice was made, surgery was scheduled without delay. While I was in the hospital I received impeccable care. My surgeon and/or his staff visited several times a day to monitor my progress and comfort level...The doctors, nurses and hospital staff were highly skilled and very attentive. I felt that I was an integral part of the care I received. The doctors asked questions, listened and made decisions based on my responses at every stage of my recovery...All of the staff showed exceptional respect and care for me, my family and for each other.

Cancer is a diagnosis that everyone dreads and no one ever wants to hear. However, having gone through the diagnosis and treatment, I can say that I could not have had a better experience. When you're in trouble you want to be around family and so many times when you're in the military or retired military as I am, family takes on a new meaning.” -- Lee, Lung Cancer --

“In June of 2009 I was diagnosed with possible lung cancer...My contact with all personnel at the Navy hospital from that moment on was nothing but outstanding. All doctors I had contact with were professional and showed total concern for my health and comfort. Every nurse, corpsman, and support personnel were always available to help and support me. Everyone that had anything to do with my treatment was a true professional.” -- David, Lung Cancer --

“The treatment I received at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth was as good as it can get. My family that came to be with me from out of town was astonished at the state of the art facility I had at my disposal as a retiree...Not only do I feel like I am getting the best treatment available; I feel like they care about me and make

sure they do everything they can to meet my needs. They truly give me hope when I don't always feel there is any. I wouldn't go anywhere else." -- Mary --

-“My surgeon at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth saved my life. Things looked pretty grim at first, but I had my surgery and got through it with flying colors. The staff could not have been any better, and I would not go anywhere else...They treat you like family.” -- Charles --