



What Gives me Hope...

Support of my family who will do anything to have a positive outcome. Finding something to look forward to, i.e., Alaska cruise with grandkids in July. Results from next PET scan (April).

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January 2023, first symptom;
October 2023, diagnosed

BRAF V600e

Who am I?	My Diagnostic Journey
I have been married for 51 years to Kevin McGuire. I have two daughters and three grandchildren. I enjoy growing flowers; especially bearded irises. I’m a travel enthusiast. I have visited six continents and 45 states. I was an elementary teacher for 36 years.	I have always been a walker. I began noticing a slow down on a trip to Australia/New Zealand in the winter of 2022. Some shortness of breath sent us down the cardiac path where tests showed there was some blockage. Surgeon said things didn’t add up and arranged an MRI. Mass was detected. ECD confirmed by Cleveland Clinic. Sent to Seattle and Fred Hutch.
My Treatments	How I’m Doing
Cotellic 2 tabs at 20 mg. Cycle is 21 days with 7 off. At this writing I am in the 4 th cycle.	Good days and bad ones, like everyone else. Neph tubes affect day-to-day routine and the unknown of maybe never having them removed. Fingers crossed. Living with daughter’s family is bittersweet. Thankful we have a place to deal with the daily/ weekly testing, but home is nice too.