

John's Story

Channeling Anger into Hope: A Father Deals with Disease at a Young Age

I first noticed symptoms at work. They were strange, and I couldn't figure out what was wrong with me. So I contacted my doctor for help.

Receiving a disease diagnosis is life changing. I was in shock and disbelief. Then it turned to anger. I kept asking myself "Why is this happening?" Because of my condition, I had to 'retire' early from a job that I loved and took pride in. That was hard.

I felt my disease was attacking everything that I'd worked for, and it forced me to face some frightening questions: How was this going to affect my wife and our marriage? At the time, my oldest son was just two years old. What kind of father was I going to be?

The best thing for me to do was to stay focused and listen to the advice of my doctors. I have a positive relationship with them. It was easy to work with these healthcare professionals to help me have access to the treatment I needed.

My grandparents taught me to stay positive, do all that you can, and to seek out others who can help you on your journey. That's why I appreciate the support given to the patient community from organizations that truly care.

Thank you to the people at companies like Mallinckrodt for making medicines that make a difference in my life.

- John M.

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John M., actual patient

