

Patient Story

(Was posted on Facebook by patient's daughter)

As some of you may know my dad was diagnosed with prostate cancer last year. Sitting with him at the doctors office hearing, Tony you have cancer and watching my dads face change when he received the news is something I will truly never forget. As a critical care nurse, many times I'm with my patients as they and their loved ones receive the news of their diagnosis. It's always a very devastating moment, in which you always try your best to console, support and answer questions. You always try to put yourself in their shoes and ask yourself how would I want my family members nurse to be?.

Remembering that even though this isn't the first time you're hearing devastating news beng told to a patient/family, it's the first time this patient/family is hearing something that has changed their word. When my dad was diagnosed with cancer it crushed me! You grow up think you're dads a superhero who is going to live forever, always by your side. My dad is a strong and amazing person and I truly love him for that. He teaches us all that even though life throws you something difficult, it's just a dump in the road and can be

overcome. With the help of amazing doctors/surgeons and the support he received from friends and family, he is a prostate cancer survivor! We are truly grateful to Dr. Ronald Frank for checking his PSA level "just because why not it's only blood work and we're already drawing some so why not some more." Early detection helped save my fathers life and it can help save someone's life you may know. So being that September is prostate cancer awareness month. Men go get checked, a simple test can save your life and allow you to make many more memories with your loved ones.

