

Esophageal cancer: Drop the bottle and cigarettes

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“He knew if he didn’t throw a strike, he would never hear the end of it from the girls on his team.” (:06)

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“I smoked two-and-a-half to three packs of cigarettes a day. The day I went in for surgery, I threw them out the window. I haven’t smoked since.” (:07)

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“Obesity leads to increased risk of gastroesophageal reflux disease. It’s the acid churning up in the lower esophagus that leads to the risk of developing what’s called Barrett’s esophagus. That’s a precancerous condition.” (:16)

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“Know your body. Don’t be afraid to talk to your doctors about it. Don’t try to minimize your symptoms. If there’s a change you notice, you need to convey that to your doctor.” (:15)

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“There are some patients who are not able to have surgery because of medical conditions like a bad heart or bad lungs. They get treated with radiation and chemotherapy without surgery.” (:14)

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“They got me here [to Moeller Cancer Center] to see Dr. Piephoff and Dr. Sandhu. They came up with a program to try to get me going. I went through chemotherapy and radiation first. Then they sent me over to St. Louis, and in January I had surgery.” (:20)

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“She said ‘Your scan came back. You’re cancer free.’” (:04)

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"I couldn't believe it. How many times do you hear about people who have cancer who die? You hear more of that than you do cancer free. The odds were against me 100%, but I guess I beat the odds." (:13)