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Patient Perspective on Access
Why I’m Not With You In Person Today

• Even though I have cancer, I am one of the luckiest people alive – because research & innovation are creating miracles
• When originally agreed – I was on standard chemo protocol
• I Got The Call!
• Immunotherapy Trial – Here I come!
• Unfortunately – infusion is weekly
• So – You get me by phone
My Family - 2008
My Story

• Not always considered myself lucky
• January 2008 – Iowa Caucus
• Emergency Surgery - Colon Cancer
• 33 Surgeries in 8 ½ years
• 3 radiation protocols
• Lots of Chemo
• Immunotherapy Trials
Statistics

• I shouldn’t be here – fewer than 4% metastatic colon cancer patients live more than 3 years

• People are not statistics!
Innovation = Hope

• Without products in the pipeline – it’s hard to rally
• How to say “good-bye” to family?
• But – with innovation comes hope and gives patients strength to keep fighting.
• Being a guinea pig is not bad – if it keeps you alive!
Back to Chemo

• Unfortunately, it didn’t last forever.
• Last fall, cancer numbers increased and I went back to chemo
• But – it was a new chemo – one that hadn’t existed 3 years earlier!
• The immunotherapy trial kept me alive long enough for more drugs to come to market
• That was the goal – just to stay alive
Immunotherapy – Round 2!

• Just a few weeks ago, I got the call – the immunotherapy trial that I had been waiting for had a space available – and it was for me!
• Began the trial on September 6th
• It’s a Phase 1 trial – so not sure if it will work
• Biggest breakthrough in cancer research in decades
• We’re at the beginning of a new world – without poison – partnering with the body to fight disease
• The life sciences sector – the research institutions, the Government, the biotech companies, the pharmaceutical companies, the patient advocacy groups, the medical device companies – did that!
Being a Patient

• It’s not easy – it’s exhausting
• Live life in 2-3 week and 2-3 month increments
• With CT scanxiety – hold my breath for days
• Devastating
• Shifting the conversation
My Job

• Access for Patients

• Innovation
Looking Toward the Future