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The quick update: yesterday at Jewish Hospital was nearly perfect - - we met some amazing professionals with lots of personality who provided a very positive experience (if one must go through said experience.) We anticipate test results on the lymph nodes at our Tuesday surgical follow-up appointment. Here at home, pain management and care are both excellent.

Many thanks for all the prayers and kind thoughts -- I'm definitely feeling the peace that passeth all understanding!

A longer update for those interested in details about the experience and fine people ...

The day after surgery I reflect with gratitude on the wonderful people working with us plus the care and support they shared.

- Our surgeon, Dr. Allamaneni, came by to say hello, initial the correct excise location :-), review the lymph node treasure map with Sam and see if we had any last-minute questions
- Our good friend and next-door neighbor of 25 years, Beth, came by to share her usual warm personality and smiles. What an incredible blessing to have her assurance of our fine team medical team. Who could have known that someday our neighbor would also be one of the medical professionals we would be working with?
- Star of the day was probably nurse Christie who made the IV experience about as stress-less as possible for a guy who is a "hard stick" with some tough previous experiences
- Another star was Samantha in radiology. Over the course of our hour together she walked me through the gamma graphics she was using to create the lymph node treasure map for Team Allamaneni

That's probably enough for now about the medical experience.

Now comes the recovery. As fabulous as the hospital staff care was for me, it cannot compare with the high quality of care and love I'm getting here home! Kim has thought of so many things to help make this recovery very positive. We anticipate a smooth recovery.

While recognizing this medical journey may still have challenging turns ahead, we will successfully continue, strengthened and supported by your thoughts and prayers. Please keep 'em coming!

Our love, thoughts and prayers are with you and yours...

