

Daniel Vicario, M.D.
San Diego Cancer Center

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Dear Dr. Vicario,

It is not possible to put into words the depth of my gratitude and admiration for you and your people, but I have to try.

When I was diagnosed with cancer, I was devastated. I thought nothing but bad thoughts and was really down until I met you. At the first meeting with my wife and I, you said you were honored to have me as a patient. You are a sincere man and I believed you when you said it. I still believe you. You gave me hope and followed it with outstanding therapy for both my body and my mind. I have confidence in you and your people and fully expect to beat the disease.

Organizations reflect their leader and like you, your team is a combination of competence, caring and compassion. I never felt like just another number and all of the nurses, administrators and support people I interacted with were genuinely concerned about me.

The majority of my interaction was with the chemo nurses. What a magnificent group of women. They are beautiful on the inside as well as the outside. I had several bad days during my treatment and they uplifted my spirits while providing excellent medical care. Only once did I have the feeling I wasn't going to make it and I was talked out of my funk during a treatment session.

During my three cycles of chemo, I was cared for by all of the nurses at one time or another. I always felt confident they knew what they were doing and would help me. Being around them is an uplifting experience.

Chemo therapy is truly a team effort. I am going to become a grandfather in June. You and your team have made it possible for me to enjoy my grandchild in the future.

God bless you all.

With love, gratitude and admiration,

Robert L. Myers