

K12 Kidney Cancer

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Intro: Imagine this: you go to the doctor for an upset stomach, and a CT scan reveals a large tumor on your kidney. The truth is, most kidney cancers are found like that: during tests for other issues. That's because these tumors often don't cause symptoms. Here's the story of a woman who had a kidney tumor the size of a football and didn't even know it.

Video

Total running time 1:22

CG :00 to :07

Ganella Anderson

had kidney cancer

Audio

“THAT TUMOR COULD HAVE BEEN THERE FOR 10 YEARS AND I HAD NO IDEA.”

GANELLA ANDERSON HAD NO IDEA THAT AS SHE CROCHETED AND PRACTICED HER CROSS STITCH, HER TUMOR GREW.

“I KNITT, I CROCHET, I CROSS STITCH, I SEW.”

GANELLA EXPLAINS WHY SHE THINKS IT HAPPENED.

“IT WAS A STORM MY FAMILY AND I HAD TO GO THROUGH. I'VE ALWAYS BEEN HEALTHY. NEVER HAD PROBLEMS. WE HAD AN IDEAL LIFE.”

SURVIVING CANCER'S MADE
GANELLA GRATEFUL FOR EVERY
DAY – EVERY MOMENT.

“GOD WAS GOOD TO ME.”

CG :34 to :42

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“THIS IS THE TOP OF THE TUMOR
COMING INTO VIEW AND IT'S
TAKEN UP A FAIRLY LARGE
PORTION OF YOUR BELLY.”

MAYO CLINIC UROLOGIST DR.
BRADLEY LEIBOVICH LEAD
GANELLA'S SURGICAL TEAM,
WHICH ALSO INCLUDED PANCREAS
AND COLON SPECIALISTS. THAT'S
BECAUSE THE LARGE TUMOR WAS
INFRINGING ON THOSE ORGANS.
DURING SURGERY THEY REMOVED
THE TUMOR AND ENTIRE LEFT
KIDNEY. THEY ALSO REMOVED
PART OF THE COLON, AND
REPAIRED WHAT REMAINED. “THE
FANTASTIC THING ABOUT MRS.
ANDERSON'S CASE IS THAT, IT

WAS TWO YEARS AGO, AND SHE'S
HAD NO FURTHER TREATMENT.
SHE'S HAD NO EVIDENCE OF
RECURRENCE OF HER CANCER,
AND WE HAVEN'T HAD TO DO
ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE
SURGERY ITSELF." "GIVEN A
SECOND CHANCE." TO LIVE AND
ENJOY A FULL LIFE. FOR MEDICAL
EDGE, I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.

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