

Rejuvenate!

‘Tis the season to be jolly

Christmas is a time of year most of us look forward to, a time synonymous with family, friends, peace, goodwill and new life.

That’s how Christmas 2015 is shaping up to be for Maria – but it could have been so different had she not taken the bold and decisive decision to travel to RenKang Hospital in south-western China to undergo SPDT treatment for her advanced cancer.

Maria’s world had been turned upside down in June when she was diagnosed with cancer, which had spread beyond its source to her breasts, liver and armpit, as well as some parts of her skeleton.

The prognosis was bleak, so bleak, in fact, that her medical team had given her just six months to live, predicting that if she was lucky, she might just make it to Christmas Day.

“Christmas suddenly lost all of its magic and was, in an instant, transformed into my most personal and tormenting nightmare,” recalled Maria as she readied herself in her RenKang Hospital room

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Maria, complete with stylish felt hat, prepares to share her life-changing experience with a local journalist.

ahead of an interview with a reporter from the local Chinese newspaper.

“I couldn’t bear the thought of a sad and gloomy Christmas, let alone predictions that my life might end on that day in 2015.”

Thankfully, Maria is a determined woman with an insatiable thirst for life. She wasn’t about to give up when her Western medical team told her there was absolutely nothing they could do for her to extend or save her life.

“Fortunately, a dear friend of mine, Wendy, had been through a similar ordeal and had turned to SPDT treatment, with excellent results,” continued Maria.

“That was enough for me and my family. I immediately contacted RenKang Hospital and began making travel arrangements.”

On arrival, Maria was placed under the care of attending oncologist Dr Li, who immediately placed her on four courses of treatment. The results were extremely positive, with scans showing the spread

of cancer cells had been halted. Indeed, the value of the tumour marker CA153 dropped from 1,000 prior to admission to well within the accepted standard of 100.

She has now completed her final two courses, with equally outstanding results and is on her way back home to her loved ones for a very special Christmas.

“When Maria arrived, we needed to use a wheelchair to get her around but after her treatment, she is up and about and moving freely, which is really great news and augurs well for a most positive long-term result,” Dr Li added.

Ah, the interview with the journalist...



Attending oncologist Dr Li looks in on Maria during her SPDT treatment.

Well, on hearing she was to be interviewed, Maria got out of her hospital gear and into stylish new clothes, small felt hat included. And with a happy smile on her face and looking the proverbial ‘million bucks’, she told the reporter how life-changing the experience had been.

“The results suggest the SPDT treatment has defeated any remaining cancer cells and I’m about to board a plane home, to be reunited with loved ones and to celebrate a very special Christmas – and hopefully many more – with a brand new body, thanks to RenKang Hospital and its treatment.”