

Rejuvenate!

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Felix and his partner, flanked by Renkang Hospital nurses, prepare to leave the hospital after his successful SPDT treatment

Felix's symphony of fortune, misfortune and fortune again

They say fortune favours the brave – and that has certainly been the case with gastric cancer patient Felix whose rollercoaster ride of enormous elation and deep depression has, thanks to his courage, ended on a most positive note.

His first stroke of fortune came in his younger days when he changed the destiny of his life by leaving his home country of Vietnam for a better and more prosperous life in Australia, eventually settling in the vibrant city of Melbourne and finding his life partner.

But just as he seemed to be living the dream – he was now the father of a beautiful young child and making great progress in his chosen career – his world was shattered by news that he had terminal gastric cancer.

The medical team's diagnosis was absolute and signalled an end to all that was good in Felix's

life: laparoscopic surgery confirmed that the tumour lesions had spread to the peritoneum, further surgery was not an option and the stark prognosis was that he had just three months to live.

"It was a hammer blow. I was being told there was no hope, death was just months away and the best I could do was pray to my God. So I did... and I asked for a miracle," recalled Felix.

At the same time, Felix did what he could to change his diet and take all kinds of health care products in the hope that they'd extend his life. But little changed, the cancer cells had multiplied and by August 2015, he couldn't walk or eat as ascites – the build-up of fluid between the two layers of the peritoneum – developed.

"My prayers were answered when, at the moment of probably my deepest depth of despair, a doctor in Melbourne mentioned four letters that meant nothing to me then but are now music to my ears – SPDT," continued Felix.

"I immediately researched this treatment, obtained a solid understanding of what the Chinese were doing in this regard at a place called Renkang Hospital and how much success the medical teams have had in tackling and defeating even the most aggressive and advanced forms of cancer. "I knew I had to go there – and quickly, as life was fast fading and my hope well was just about dry."

After just two rounds of SPDT treatment, his tumour markers fell from the original 300 to around 30 and the ascites had decreased so much that he was able to run for an hour each day.

What's more, the three month 'deadline' his Australian doctors had given him had passed and on the advice of his Chinese doctors, Felix received another two courses of treatment at Renkang Hospital.

Felix has now completed his four courses of SPDT treatment, with the final Pet/CT report showing that his cancer treatment has achieved CR standards and all the original tumour lesions have disappeared.

Some three months on, Felix is very much alive and well and is full of grateful thanks for the Renkang Hospital doctors, nurses and staff.

"They have allowed me to again experience the joy of health – and while I said earlier that SPDT was music to my ears, on reflection those four letters are the most amazing symphony anyone could ever wish to hear!"



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