Klaus..Dieroff

Posted by Pit Observer - 23 Oct 2012 05:55

For those friends that don't know...Klaus was taken to the emergency room a week ago (Monday 15th) by ambulance from out of work...

Battery of tests were done and he was diagnosed with Renal Cell Carcinoma of the right Kidney.

The tumor had grown through the wall of the kidney and into the main vein and uo toward the heart and into many lymph nodes around it. He has stage 3 cancer. Without surgey, possibly 8 months to live.

With surgery, he has a 25% chance to still be here in 5 years.

We were lucky enough to find a local urologist that would do the surgery.

They perfomed a 7 hour surgery yesterday and have gotten the tumor out also removed his right kidney, along with the infected nodes. He is in intensive care now...still has breathing tube in, but that may come out today. As of 5:45 this a.m when I spoke to the night nurse...he did not sleep well, but sometimes that happens after surgery. He is alert and writing messages to the nurse for his needs, and stable so far....

It is still touch and go for the next few days as with any major surgery....

His spirits are high and he gave me a thumbs up and indicated he loved me last night when I told him he did super through the surgery. He will probably be in ICU for a few more days..

I have heard there are friends "pissed" cause he did not let them know....

Please don't be angry...he was in shock as we all were,and it was his way of dealing...and we only found out on Thursday about the cancer and spent all day Friday having preadmission testing...there wasn't time to notify everyone

this was totally out of the blue...no warnings at all...they thought he might have a bleeding ulcer and when tests were run found the cancer instead...

I will try to update more here as soon as I can...

if you are friends on his Facebook page or on mine, I am updating there also

I thank you all for the well wishes and prayers

Pit Observer/ Pat

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Re: Klaus..Dieroff
Posted by DoozCoop - 05 Nov 2012 23:12

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Good to hear he's doing better, and alert! Maybe he was trying to write "more meds!"

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Re: Klaus..Dieroff
Posted by Pit Observer - 06 Nov 2012 19:56

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Pat is doing the((((((Happy Happy)))))) dance !!!!

I got a smile and a couple of kisses tonight!!!

I got to the hospital after work and Klaus was sitting in a chair...He looks WONDERFUL!!!!

The breathing tube was out, he is off all meds except a little bit of pain meds and at the moment they have stopped his dialysis. They might start the Dialysis again tomorrow or see how he does and keep it off...

He is very very hoarse and can't talk, and very weak and can't hold a cup, but ...who cares...He is still here.

He will come around slowly now ...they are going to have to start physical therapy to help him walk again, because he is so weak...

His Surgeon just called me, and said he still has a long way to go, (and there still could be set backs)

but he will still be seeing him at least twice a day...

I let him all know you have been sending prayers and we are both so thankful.

As soon as he is out of ICU, I will let you all know what room he is in, for those that want to visit. It might be a few days yet...

Update again tomorrow night..

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Re: Klaus..Dieroff
Posted by extrememike - 06 Nov 2012 20:06

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That's great news Pat! Pour a glass of wine for yourself and give yourself a good nap you've earned it! Fingers crossed and positive thoughts being transmitted daily via ESTAdrags.com!

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Re: Klaus..Dieroff
Posted by tummy - 07 Nov 2012 06:33

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That's GREAT. Let him know everyone is pulling for him.

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Re: Klaus..Dieroff
Posted by sundayfunmoney - 07 Nov 2012 08:19

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THANKS "GOD".....

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Re: Klaus..Dieroff
Posted by ratssass - 07 Nov 2012 18:39

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.great news,Pat!!As Mike said,take a breather.....we're all here for ya's!!

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Re: Klaus..Dieroff
Posted by Pit Observer - 07 Nov 2012 21:16

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Klaus had a little setback again this morning, but he's back on track tonight...not on anything at all except Heprine (blood thinner) they even took the dialysis machine out of his room...they will see how he does overnight tonight and he may even be moved out of ICU tomorrow...He just needs to get his strength back now, possibly a rehab center...not sure ...but he's doing great!!!

He didn't want me to leave tonight, so I'm home late its after 9:PM...

and I'm off to bed...Update again tomorrow

Good Night

Pat

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Re: Klaus..Dieroff
Posted by pontiac794 - 07 Nov 2012 21:33

Great news! Small setbacks are ok, but sounds like he's taking major steps forward! Thanks for the updates!

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Re: Klaus..Dieroff
Posted by Pit Observer - 08 Nov 2012 22:32

9:45

Just home from hospital, Klaus moved out of Surgical ICU...to Coronary ICU...Nothing wrong...just the next step down to regular room...They have a bed space available there and he still needs more care and observation than a regular floor care could provide....No visitors yet...maybe another day or two...

He was really acting weird tonight and telling me some wild stories ...They said it is called surgical psychosis,

its from coming off all the sedations and other drugs he had been given...

He told the nurse and I that in the middle of the night, one of the nurses, boyfriends, son came into his room and stole a bunch of checks out of the bottom drawer in the cabinet in the corner...and so today during the day, the hospital people came and wheeled the cabinet out and took all the checks out(checks stored there since 1999)....Now mind you all...this is, is a storage cabinet for medical supplies, blankets and washrags and such...and they did wheel it out to replenish the supplies.

He kept seeing people walking past the window outside....he is on the 6th floor....he was seeing a reflection from the hallway, but must have told me 4 or 5 times...look theres someone walking out there now...

He wanted his bicycle , so he could ride it out in the hallway and exercise his legs...he can't even stand up yet ...or hold a spoon and feed himself...

I was getting concerned and went to talk to the nurse outside and she explained this sometimes happens...told me to just keep re-orienting him...

She came to his room and asked if he knew who he was...he said Klaus

do you know where you are...he says 6th floor

Do you know where in the 6th floor....he says Syracuse

do you know what hospital...he says Crouse(thats where he was 3 weeks ago)Do you know who's the president ...he says...a turd...

The nurse and I were hysterical for 10 minutes and he was confused as to why we were laughing...

Anyway....Its been a very unusual night...I stayed with him til they put him in his new room...and hopefully tomorrow he might be a little more "unconfused"

Update again tomorrow night

Pat

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Re: Klaus..Dieroff
Posted by crashbeeracing - 09 Nov 2012 07:08

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Pat

So very glad Klaus is getting better. We know how very slow healing is as David almost died in April and just was released to go back to work this past week. Take one day at time. He is doing awesome. Our prayers and thoughts continue for him and you everyday.

Diane and David Ashby

street racers

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Re: Klaus..Dieroff
Posted by ratssass - 09 Nov 2012 17:08

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.a turd???...spot on!!!

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Re: Klaus..Dieroff
Posted by Pit Observer - 09 Nov 2012 21:23

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9:00 pm

I'm Pissed tonight...Klaus did a very stupid thing and knows it...

he tried to get out of the bed by himself and get into the chair (that F'n stubborn German!!!)

, he fell of course and ripped out all the I.V.s in his arms....

and tore the heprin line in half ...

His Dr. had been in and said he was possibly going to rehab on Monday but he was doing very well...said he wanted him to get in the chair and sit once more before bedtime...so when no one was

around to help he decided he'd do it himself

It took 3 nurses to get him in the chair this morning and then he had pysical therapy...when I got there he was complaining he hurt and was tired... he said he was just going to sit on the edge of the bed...then pulled the chair over and tried to stand and fell.

At this point I told him I've been next to him every single night for almost 4 weeks now and if he chooses to pull stupid ass stunts like this he will be going the rest alone...I will not be there ...I was crying when I left and he said he was sorry....I told him I love him , but he has to be patient and wait...it takes time., and I'd see him tomorrow..

He is also still "halucinating" said he saw "them wheel in a camper shell through the door and past his room to take it down to the welding shop...He's now on the 8th floor and there is no doorway next to his room....let alone a welding shop.

I know he doesn't know quite what he's doing....but he could very well do more harm than good...When I left they were getting a chair and bed alarm...and said if he tried it again...they would end up getting a hospital sitter....someone who would sit in his room 24 hrs., to keep an eye on him...

I'm worn out....and off to bed....Update again tomorrow...Pat

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Re: Klaus..Dieroff
Posted by hatchetman337 - 09 Nov 2012 23:39

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That'll be a great story to reminisce about later, haha. Glad to hear he's making progress!

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Re: Klaus..Dieroff
Posted by Pit Observer - 10 Nov 2012 21:27

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9 pm...

Klaus MUCH better today...more lucid and less fabrication of stories...

actually listened, and walked with help from 2 nurses and a walker from the bed to the bathroom...back to the chair.

His voice is less hoarse, and they have moved him out of ICU to medical floor...Tomorrow they hope to take out ALL tubes , catheter, and IV's...might leave just the heprin, until they wean him over to a pill form.

He will be starting ACUTE physical therapy on Monday...(Dr. supervised up to 3 hours of excercise per day) to get him able to walk alone and get his strength back and be able to come home. Maybe another week or two..yet

Update again tomorrow night

Pat

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Re: Klaus..Dieroff

Posted by Rdrbn - 11 Nov 2012 08:03

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Glad to hear that Klaus is getting better...it is a long rough road, but he will be back to himself before you know it. I have been there, hang in there Pat, it gets better everyday! Prayers are still with you!

Robin

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