Hello, my name is Dan Boffa. I'm a thoracic surgeon and I am the chief of thoracic surgery at Yale. I specialize in cancer of the esophagus and of the lung. I really try to break things down in a way that is very simple and understandable to me, which my patients generally appreciate because you’re overwhelmed with so much information and things that are not familiar to you.
I will be honest and I'm going to give you the straight answers because I think we together have to come up with some big decisions that are important and I think you need to know what we're up against. We have a broad research focus in our group. We concentrate on trying to identify the best treatments for cancers of the lung and the esophagus. We also try to identify patterns of care that lead to the most appropriate environments taking care of the more complicated cases, and we also do research to make sure...
that care is distributed fairly across all people in the United States, people have often ask me how we get the results that we do, and I've often considered myself an average surgeon who gets excellent results, and I'd much rather be that than the other way around, and the way that we do that is with a great team, my team. Spends a tremendous amount of time and effort and energy in building expertise so that they can take care of patients. And this is not a one person show.
We do it together and every day our goal is to get better so that tomorrow we take better care of patients than we did today.