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00:00:00.000 --> 00:00:02.490 Support for Yale Cancer Answers

NOTE Confidence: 0.8569949

00:00:02.490 --> 00:00:04.980 comes from AstraZeneca, dedicated

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00:00:05.057 --> 00:00:07.432 to advancing options and providing

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00:00:07.432 --> 00:00:10.420 hope for people living with cancer.

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00:00:10.420 --> 00:00:14.180 More information at [astrazeneca-us.com](http://astrazeneca-us.com).

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00:00:14.180 --> 00:00:15.850 Welcome to Yale Cancer Answers

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00:00:15.850 --> 00:00:17.186 with your host doctor Anees Chagpar.

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00:00:17.190 --> 00:00:19.514 Yale Cancer Answers

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00:00:19.520 --> 00:00:21.455 features the latest information on

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00:00:21.455 --> 00:00:23.743 cancer care by welcoming oncologists and

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00:00:23.743 --> 00:00:25.801 specialists who are on the forefront of

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00:00:25.801 --> 00:00:27.866 the battle to fight cancer. This week,

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00:00:27.870 --> 00:00:29.784 it's a conversation about cancer care

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00:00:29.784 --> 00:00:31.879 in the community with Doctor Anamika Katoch.

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00:00:31.880 --> 00:00:34.274 Dr Katoch is assistant professor

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00:00:34.274 --> 00:00:35.997 of clinical medicine and medical  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8569949

00:00:35.997 --> 00:00:38.230 oncology at the Yale School of Medicine,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8569949

00:00:38.230 --> 00:00:41.236 where Doctor Chagpar is a  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8569949

00:00:41.236 --> 00:00:43.610 professor of surgical oncology.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8341925

00:00:43.610 --> 00:00:46.554 Doctor Katoch, maybe you could start off by  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8341925

00:00:46.554 --> 00:00:49.476 telling us a little bit about yourself and  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8341925

00:00:49.480 --> 00:00:51.676 what it is that you do.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8341925

00:00:51.680 --> 00:00:53.520 So I'm a hematologist oncologist,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8341925

00:00:53.520 --> 00:00:56.089 and I work out of Smilow Waterbury.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8341925

00:00:56.090 --> 00:00:58.554 It's a small community setting we  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8341925

00:00:58.554 --> 00:01:01.445 work out of a regional Cancer Center  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8341925

00:01:01.445 --> 00:01:04.079 called the Harold Leever Cancer Center.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8341925

00:01:04.080 --> 00:01:06.636 So I'm a general community oncologist,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8341925

00:01:06.640 --> 00:01:09.629 and I see all kinds of cancer.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8341925

00:01:09.630 --> 00:01:11.334 The more common cancers,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8341925

00:01:11.334 --> 00:01:13.390 of course, are more common,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8341925

00:01:13.390 --> 00:01:17.739 so I tend to see those more than the others.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8341925

00:01:17.740 --> 00:01:20.140 But breast, lung, colon, lymphoma,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8341925

00:01:20.140 --> 00:01:22.440 and also some hematology patients.

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00:01:22.440 --> 00:01:26.280 And so how common is cancer in

NOTE Confidence: 0.85614455

00:01:26.280 --> 00:01:27.302 the community?

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00:01:27.302 --> 00:01:30.368 I mean when we think about

NOTE Confidence: 0.85614455

00:01:30.370 --> 00:01:32.262 cancers,

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00:01:32.262 --> 00:01:34.627 very often we think about

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00:01:34.627 --> 00:01:37.127 people going to large centers.

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00:01:37.130 --> 00:01:38.579 New York, Boston,

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00:01:38.579 --> 00:01:40.028 Houston, New Haven.

NOTE Confidence: 0.85614455

00:01:40.030 --> 00:01:42.440 But you're in a

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00:01:42.440 --> 00:01:43.886 small Community Center.

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00:01:43.890 --> 00:01:46.788 So how often does cancer present

NOTE Confidence: 0.85614455

00:01:46.788 --> 00:01:48.720 in those community centers?

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00:01:48.720 --> 00:01:50.660 So it is surprising  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8448559

00:01:50.660 --> 00:01:54.034 to see that cancer is very prevalent,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8448559

00:01:54.040 --> 00:01:56.938 and especially in the Waterbury area.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8448559

00:01:56.940 --> 00:01:59.976 I would say maybe because it  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8448559

00:01:59.976 --> 00:02:02.600 has been an industrial town.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8448559

00:02:02.600 --> 00:02:06.180 And we do tend to see a lot of breast cancer.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8448559

00:02:06.180 --> 00:02:10.960 A lot of bladder cancer in this area as well.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8448559

00:02:10.960 --> 00:02:12.472 And yes,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8448559

00:02:12.472 --> 00:02:14.740 the bigger centers actually have  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8448559

00:02:14.810 --> 00:02:17.246 the good fortune of having many  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8448559

00:02:17.246 --> 00:02:19.150 good bigger centers around us.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8448559

00:02:19.150 --> 00:02:21.100 There's Memorial Sloan,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8448559

00:02:21.100 --> 00:02:22.660 Dana Farber.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8448559

00:02:22.660 --> 00:02:25.453 And certainly these are very useful and  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8448559

00:02:25.453 --> 00:02:28.477 helpful for us when we have particularly  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8448559

00:02:28.477 --> 00:02:31.093 tough situations where we need to

NOTE Confidence: 0.8448559

00:02:31.176 --> 00:02:33.618 get another opinion or some help.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8448559

00:02:33.620 --> 00:02:37.196 But I would say in the general Community,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8448559

00:02:37.200 --> 00:02:38.538 cancer is fairly

NOTE Confidence: 0.86909187

00:02:38.540 --> 00:02:41.669 prevalent and so many people,

NOTE Confidence: 0.86909187

00:02:41.670 --> 00:02:44.095 because cancer really doesn't discriminate

NOTE Confidence: 0.86909187

00:02:44.095 --> 00:02:47.479 based on where you live

NOTE Confidence: 0.86909187

00:02:47.480 --> 00:02:50.670 and many people may wonder,

NOTE Confidence: 0.86909187

00:02:50.670 --> 00:02:53.070 are there advantages and disadvantages

NOTE Confidence: 0.86909187

00:02:53.070 --> 00:02:55.794 to being treated closer to home

NOTE Confidence: 0.86909187

00:02:55.794 --> 00:02:58.206 versus going into a larger center?

NOTE Confidence: 0.86909187

00:02:58.210 --> 00:03:00.892 What would you say to people

NOTE Confidence: 0.86909187

00:03:00.892 --> 00:03:02.680 who are contemplating those

NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:03:02.680 --> 00:03:04.688 decisions?

00:03:06.700 --> 00:03:09.340 It is important,

NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:03:09.340 --> 00:03:11.685 especially for certain rare cancers

NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:03:11.685 --> 00:03:15.222 to be seen at bigger centers that tend

NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:03:15.222 --> 00:03:18.560 to see a lot more of those cancers.

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00:03:18.560 --> 00:03:20.750 Sarcomas being one.

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00:03:20.750 --> 00:03:22.940 They require a real multi

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00:03:22.940 --> 00:03:23.816 disciplinary approach.

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00:03:23.820 --> 00:03:26.220 You have to have surgeons who've

NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:03:26.220 --> 00:03:28.650 done enough of those surgeries,

NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:03:28.650 --> 00:03:31.122 trained radiation oncology team,

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00:03:31.122 --> 00:03:33.594 trained chemotherapy

NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:03:33.594 --> 00:03:35.320 professionals who've dealt

NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:03:35.320 --> 00:03:37.365 enough of with that cancer.

00:03:37.735 --> 00:03:39.560 It is always patients preference

NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:03:39.560 --> 00:03:41.945 to be treated close to home and

NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:03:41.945 --> 00:03:44.444 nobody wants to drive 2 hours to get

NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:03:44.444 --> 00:03:46.559 treatment because you know chemotherapy

NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:03:46.559 --> 00:03:48.944 treatment is not just about chemotherapy,

NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:03:48.944 --> 00:03:50.312 it's also about supportive

NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:03:50.312 --> 00:03:51.890 care that goes with it.

NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:03:51.890 --> 00:03:53.900 So we don't just see patients

NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:03:53.900 --> 00:03:55.849 on day one and say OK,

NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:03:55.850 --> 00:03:58.160 now we'll see you in three weeks.

NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:03:58.160 --> 00:03:59.810 It doesn't work like that.

NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:03:59.810 --> 00:04:02.120 So we see patients on day one,

NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:04:02.120 --> 00:04:04.430 we're always available by phone.

NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:04:04.430 --> 00:04:06.740 We are seeing them sometimes the very

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00:04:06.740 --> 00:04:08.808 next day, sometimes within a week.

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00:04:08.808 --> 00:04:10.568 Sometimes they need transfusion support.

NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:04:10.570 --> 00:04:11.866 So it is a

NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:04:11.866 --> 00:04:14.490 complicated and complex process,

NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:04:14.490 --> 00:04:16.735 so patients preference is always

NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:04:16.735 --> 00:04:20.219 to be treated in your home and I

NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:04:20.219 --> 00:04:22.900 would say that we have very robust

NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:04:22.900 --> 00:04:24.624 multidisciplinary teams for almost  
NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:04:24.624 --> 00:04:27.616 all cancers and we also recognize that  
NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:04:27.616 --> 00:04:30.010 some cancers do better when they are  
NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:04:30.010 --> 00:04:32.332 referred out to tertiary centers,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:04:32.332 --> 00:04:34.690 one major example being acute leukemia.  
00:04:36.660 --> 00:04:39.018 It is a cancer that requires  
NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:04:39.018 --> 00:04:40.590 a lot of resources.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:04:40.590 --> 00:04:41.616 A lot of support,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:04:41.616 --> 00:04:44.010 a lot of experience and  
NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:04:44.087 --> 00:04:45.972 people who have acute leukemias  
NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:04:45.972 --> 00:04:48.410 tend to do better when they're  
NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:04:48.410 --> 00:04:50.795 treated at tertiary care centers,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:04:50.800 --> 00:04:52.950 so this is also recognizing  
NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:04:52.950 --> 00:04:54.670 what are your limitations.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:04:54.670 --> 00:04:56.728 And what are the patients that  
NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:04:56.728 --> 00:04:58.870 you can best serve and which  
NOTE Confidence: 0.847695145

00:04:58.870 --> 00:05:01.320 patients will do better if they are  
NOTE Confidence: 0.87999964

00:05:01.320 --> 00:05:04.416 referred out? And so I guess the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.87999964

00:05:04.416 --> 00:05:07.366 take home message there is that if  
NOTE Confidence: 0.87999964

00:05:07.366 --> 00:05:10.174 a patient has a cancer that they can  
NOTE Confidence: 0.87999964

00:05:10.174 --> 00:05:13.080 be seen at a Cancer Center in their  
NOTE Confidence: 0.87999964

00:05:13.080 --> 00:05:15.600 community and that Community Center  
NOTE Confidence: 0.87999964

00:05:15.600 --> 00:05:17.346 will have no hesitation about referring  
NOTE Confidence: 0.87999964

00:05:17.346 --> 00:05:19.881 them out to a larger center if that's  
NOTE Confidence: 0.87999964

00:05:19.881 --> 00:05:21.840 in the patients best interest.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8829851

00:05:21.840 --> 00:05:24.128 That is absolutely correct and a  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8829851

00:05:24.128 --> 00:05:26.830 lot of times it is driven by physicians.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8829851

00:05:26.830 --> 00:05:28.390 Sometimes it's driven by patients,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8829851

00:05:28.390 --> 00:05:30.448 but I have to say that patients  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8829851

00:05:30.448 --> 00:05:31.717 often feel uncomfortable telling  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8829851

00:05:31.717 --> 00:05:33.697 their physicians that they  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8829851

00:05:33.700 --> 00:05:36.820 want to get a second opinion and

NOTE Confidence: 0.8829851

00:05:36.820 --> 00:05:38.885 part of it will also depend upon

NOTE Confidence: 0.8829851

00:05:38.885 --> 00:05:40.560 your approach to the patient,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8829851

00:05:40.560 --> 00:05:43.056 and we're sort of very open about it.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8829851

00:05:43.060 --> 00:05:44.615 We understand

NOTE Confidence: 0.8829851

00:05:44.615 --> 00:05:45.859 that this is cancer.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8829851

00:05:45.860 --> 00:05:48.247 It can be a life changing diagnosis.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8829851

00:05:48.250 --> 00:05:51.094 So we we will often say to our patients,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8829851

00:05:51.100 --> 00:05:53.636 if you would like another opinion,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8829851

00:05:53.640 --> 00:05:55.548 please let me know

NOTE Confidence: 0.8829851

00:05:55.548 --> 00:05:57.760 and I will help you get one.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8829851

00:05:57.760 --> 00:06:00.014 So sometimes people do elect to get

NOTE Confidence: 0.8829851

00:06:00.014 --> 00:06:01.878 another opinion and lots of times

NOTE Confidence: 0.8829851

00:06:01.880 --> 00:06:03.026 people say no,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8829851

00:06:03.026 --> 00:06:05.318 what you're saying makes sense if

NOTE Confidence: 0.8829851

00:06:05.318 --> 00:06:07.350 they've already developed a

NOTE Confidence: 0.8829851

00:06:07.350 --> 00:06:10.070 sense of trust and confidence in you  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8829851

00:06:10.070 --> 00:06:12.471 they will stay with you  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8829851

00:06:12.471 --> 00:06:14.968 and be treated close to where they  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8703206

00:06:14.970 --> 00:06:17.094 live and so are there particular  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8703206

00:06:17.094 --> 00:06:18.909 cancers that are particularly amenable  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8703206

00:06:18.909 --> 00:06:20.919 to being treated closer to home.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8703206

00:06:20.920 --> 00:06:23.384 So you mentioned that the rare cancers  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8703206

00:06:23.384 --> 00:06:26.200 might be ones where you want to seek  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8703206

00:06:26.200 --> 00:06:28.525 a second opinion, but are there  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8703206

00:06:28.525 --> 00:06:30.700 certain cancers that  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8703206

00:06:30.700 --> 00:06:33.316 you think, if you have  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8703206

00:06:33.320 --> 00:06:35.774 for example, breast cancer or colon  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8703206

00:06:35.774 --> 00:06:38.210 cancer that that those really can  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8703206

00:06:38.210 --> 00:06:40.370 be treated closer to where you  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8703206

00:06:40.370 --> 00:06:42.266 live that you don't necessarily  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8703206

00:06:42.266 --> 00:06:44.835 need to go to a larger center.

00:06:45.610 --> 00:06:47.034 That is absolutely true.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8757703

00:06:47.034 --> 00:06:49.627 It of course depends upon  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8757703

00:06:49.627 --> 00:06:51.542 the strength of your surgical  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8757703

00:06:51.542 --> 00:06:53.670 staff and your surgical support,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8757703

00:06:53.670 --> 00:06:55.590 because a lot of these  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8757703

00:06:55.590 --> 00:06:57.126 cancers do need surgery.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8757703

00:06:57.130 --> 00:06:59.916 So if you have a trained  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8757703

00:06:59.916 --> 00:07:02.490 oncological surgeon on staff who  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8757703

00:07:02.490 --> 00:07:05.088 is equipped to do these surgeries,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8757703

00:07:05.090 --> 00:07:07.826 then I think these cancers can  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8757703

00:07:07.826 --> 00:07:10.777 be very well handled in the community.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86492646

00:07:11.600 --> 00:07:13.345 And what questions should  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86492646

00:07:13.345 --> 00:07:15.427 patients be asking of their  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86492646

00:07:15.427 --> 00:07:17.345 team of doctors if they are  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86492646

00:07:17.345 --> 00:07:19.637 seen by a Community cancer program,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86492646

00:07:19.640 --> 00:07:21.887 what questions should they be asking in

NOTE Confidence: 0.86492646

00:07:21.887 --> 00:07:24.201 order to make the best informed decision

NOTE Confidence: 0.86492646

00:07:24.201 --> 00:07:26.680 as to where they should be treated?

NOTE Confidence: 0.8760718

00:07:27.900 --> 00:07:29.276 That's a good question,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8760718

00:07:29.276 --> 00:07:31.682 but can be a little bit tricky.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8760718

00:07:31.682 --> 00:07:33.990 I don't know if patients

NOTE Confidence: 0.8760718

00:07:33.990 --> 00:07:35.286 would entirely feel comfortable

NOTE Confidence: 0.8760718

00:07:35.286 --> 00:07:36.840 sometimes asking their physicians

NOTE Confidence: 0.8760718

00:07:36.840 --> 00:07:38.560 what their experiences

NOTE Confidence: 0.8760718

00:07:38.560 --> 00:07:39.936 in treating this cancer are.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8760718

00:07:39.940 --> 00:07:41.998 And I do get that question,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8760718

00:07:42.000 --> 00:07:42.990 but very occasionally,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8760718

00:07:42.990 --> 00:07:45.300 but I think it is important for

NOTE Confidence: 0.8760718

00:07:45.370 --> 00:07:47.278 patients to get involved in their

NOTE Confidence: 0.8760718

00:07:47.278 --> 00:07:49.230 care and ask these questions,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8760718

00:07:49.230 --> 00:07:52.047 and I think a lot of times people don't

NOTE Confidence: 0.8760718

00:07:52.047 --> 00:07:54.793 ask this question because they feel that

NOTE Confidence: 0.8760718

00:07:54.793 --> 00:07:57.968 they are going to offend the physician.

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00:07:57.970 --> 00:08:00.250 Which sometimes may be true,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8760718

00:08:00.250 --> 00:08:03.700 but most times is not.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8760718

00:08:03.700 --> 00:08:05.632 So I think it's fair enough

NOTE Confidence: 0.8760718

00:08:05.632 --> 00:08:07.676 to say, Doctor,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8760718

00:08:07.676 --> 00:08:10.430 do you treat a lot of these cancers and

NOTE Confidence: 0.8760718

00:08:10.504 --> 00:08:13.045 it's sort of a ubiquitous question.

00:08:15.390 --> 00:08:17.060 How do patients generally do?

NOTE Confidence: 0.8760718

00:08:17.060 --> 00:08:19.724 Do you think I need a second opinion?

NOTE Confidence: 0.8760718

00:08:19.730 --> 00:08:22.075 So I think these are all fair

NOTE Confidence: 0.8760718

00:08:22.075 --> 00:08:24.408 questions to ask and say,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8760718

00:08:24.408 --> 00:08:26.746 do you work with the surgeon closely?

NOTE Confidence: 0.8760718

00:08:26.750 --> 00:08:29.414 Do you know if he's done many surgeries?

NOTE Confidence: 0.8760718

00:08:29.420 --> 00:08:31.730 Is it possible for me to speak

NOTE Confidence: 0.8760718

00:08:31.730 --> 00:08:33.942 to someone who has

NOTE Confidence: 0.8760718

00:08:33.942 --> 00:08:35.646 gone through this process?

NOTE Confidence: 0.8760718

00:08:35.650 --> 00:08:39.234 Also, just basic questions that might help

NOTE Confidence: 0.8760718

00:08:39.240 --> 00:08:41.008 keep patients well informed.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8866265

00:08:41.010 --> 00:08:44.074 And I think that that's so important

NOTE Confidence: 0.8866265

00:08:44.074 --> 00:08:46.912 that patients really do advocate

NOTE Confidence: 0.8866265

00:08:46.912 --> 00:08:49.402 for themselves and truthfully,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8866265

00:08:49.410 --> 00:08:51.322 many Community programs actually

NOTE Confidence: 0.8866265

00:08:51.322 --> 00:08:54.190 do have the infrastructure to be

NOTE Confidence: 0.8866265

00:08:54.270 --> 00:08:56.478 able to provide good quality care

NOTE Confidence: 0.8866265

00:08:56.478 --> 00:08:59.129 for the more common cancers.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8866265

00:08:59.130 --> 00:09:01.340 So you mentioned, for example,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8866265

00:09:01.340 --> 00:09:03.600 that you have a multidisciplinary

NOTE Confidence: 0.8866265

00:09:03.600 --> 00:09:06.357 team tell us more about how

NOTE Confidence: 0.8866265

00:09:06.357 --> 00:09:08.407 that works in the Community

NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:09:08.410 --> 00:09:09.082 setting?

NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:09:09.082 --> 00:09:12.120 I would say that our our care,

NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:09:12.120 --> 00:09:14.544 even if I say so myself,

NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546 it is excellent.

NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:09:16.070 --> 00:09:18.262 We bring most of our cases to a

NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:09:18.262 --> 00:09:19.410 multidisciplinary tumor conference.

NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:09:19.410 --> 00:09:21.822 So if I were to pick, let's say,

NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:09:21.822 --> 00:09:24.580 the most common cancer that we see in women,

NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:09:24.580 --> 00:09:27.328 which is breast cancer.

NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:09:27.330 --> 00:09:31.075 So once a woman gets a mammogram,

NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:09:31.080 --> 00:09:34.818 gets a biopsy, or sees a surgeon,

NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:09:34.820 --> 00:09:37.495 she is presented at a

NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:09:37.495 --> 00:09:39.100 multidisciplinary tumor conference.

00:09:40.170 --> 00:09:44.450 For people who don't know what that is,

NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:09:44.450 --> 00:09:46.870 it is basically a collection

NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:09:46.870 --> 00:09:49.290 of many oncologists or any

NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:09:49.385 --> 00:09:51.937 oncologists in the community.

NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:09:51.940 --> 00:09:54.620 Radiation oncology, radiology, the breast

NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:09:54.620 --> 00:09:55.796 surgeons themselves,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:09:55.796 --> 00:09:57.560 social worker, nutritionists.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:09:57.560 --> 00:10:00.552 So we all get together as a team  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:10:00.552 --> 00:10:02.958 and discuss the presentation of  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:10:02.958 --> 00:10:05.563 each sort of person's cancer,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:10:05.570 --> 00:10:08.240 and then we decide  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546 what would be best approach  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:10:11.082 --> 00:10:13.580 to dealing with that situation.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:10:13.580 --> 00:10:16.700 Being most of the time, it's standard,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:10:16.700 --> 00:10:18.480 but things are changing.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:10:18.480 --> 00:10:21.588 You know we were used to using,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:10:21.590 --> 00:10:22.480 for example,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:10:22.480 --> 00:10:24.260 chemotherapy in always the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:10:24.260 --> 00:10:25.595 post surgical setting.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:10:25.600 --> 00:10:28.450 But now we're moving to using  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:10:28.450 --> 00:10:29.701 treatment sometimes upfront  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:10:29.701 --> 00:10:31.786 before surgery so not everybody  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:10:31.786 --> 00:10:34.257 is a good candidate for that.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:10:34.260 --> 00:10:36.750 We talk about  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:10:36.750 --> 00:10:38.410 the things like that.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:10:38.410 --> 00:10:41.315 Other things that come up are genetics.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:10:41.320 --> 00:10:43.910 This has also become a very  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:10:43.910 --> 00:10:46.710 important part of management for patients.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:10:46.710 --> 00:10:49.200 You know 10% of the cancers  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:10:49.200 --> 00:10:50.445 that are diagnosed,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:10:50.450 --> 00:10:52.106 especially breast cancer I'm  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:10:52.106 --> 00:10:54.176 talking about can be genetic,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:10:54.180 --> 00:10:56.670 so we always talk about that.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:10:56.670 --> 00:10:58.820 We have a genetic counselor  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:10:58.820 --> 00:11:01.097 as a part of the team who will  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:11:01.097 --> 00:11:03.143 be there and say, OK,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:11:03.143 --> 00:11:05.569 I think this person needs to meet with me.

NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546  
00:11:05.570 --> 00:11:06.920 We need to  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546  
00:11:06.920 --> 00:11:09.220 check her or family members.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546  
00:11:09.220 --> 00:11:12.328 If there are  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546  
00:11:12.330 --> 00:11:13.578 financial issues.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546  
00:11:13.578 --> 00:11:14.410 Social issues.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546  
00:11:14.410 --> 00:11:16.958 We have a social worker who is  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546  
00:11:16.958 --> 00:11:20.418 present who can help  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546  
00:11:20.418 --> 00:11:22.703 guide patients through that process.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546  
00:11:22.710 --> 00:11:25.092 We have a licensed nutritionist who can  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546  
00:11:25.092 --> 00:11:27.690 provide support as to healthy diets.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546  
00:11:27.690 --> 00:11:30.246 Because this really becomes a very  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546  
00:11:30.246 --> 00:11:32.811 important part of what people feel  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546  
00:11:32.811 --> 00:11:35.145 that they have some control over it  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546  
00:11:35.145 --> 00:11:37.650 and it empowers them.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546  
00:11:37.650 --> 00:11:40.751 And of course we know that obesity  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:11:40.751 --> 00:11:43.680 and cancer have a direct link so  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:11:43.680 --> 00:11:46.458 we always want to talk about  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:11:46.458 --> 00:11:48.310 maintaining a healthy lifestyle  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:11:48.392 --> 00:11:50.708 and a healthy body mass index.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:11:50.710 --> 00:11:53.770 Once a case is discussed at  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:11:53.770 --> 00:11:55.300 the Multidisciplinary conference,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:11:55.300 --> 00:11:57.850 we will then make recommendations.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:11:57.850 --> 00:12:00.400 The patient gets established with  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:12:00.400 --> 00:12:02.950 medical oncologist or radiation oncologist,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:12:02.950 --> 00:12:06.472 and it's really a very good  
NOTE Confidence: 0.840941845454546

00:12:06.472 --> 00:12:07.646 collaborative approach.  
00:12:08.020 --> 00:12:10.684 The other thing that we often  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:12:10.684 --> 00:12:13.853 talk about on the show is things like  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:12:13.853 --> 00:12:15.473 personalized medicine and genomics.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:12:15.480 --> 00:12:17.640 So are those things available in  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:12:17.640 --> 00:12:19.527 Community settings or are those  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:12:19.527 --> 00:12:21.801 really only the purview of the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:12:21.801 --> 00:12:23.690 larger academic centers?  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:12:23.690 --> 00:12:26.301 There has been so much progress in  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:12:26.301 --> 00:12:29.452 these things that they are now  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:12:29.452 --> 00:12:32.500 easily available to us as well.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:12:32.500 --> 00:12:36.835 Our goal is always to be able to  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:12:36.835 --> 00:12:40.515 at least offer standard a standard of care,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:12:40.520 --> 00:12:43.787 which means if you were to see  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:12:43.787 --> 00:12:47.211 an oncologist here or you went to the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:12:47.211 --> 00:12:50.648 West Coast and used an oncologist there,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:12:50.650 --> 00:12:52.730 the therapy recommended  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:12:52.730 --> 00:12:55.709 would be similar,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:12:55.710 --> 00:12:57.126 if not identical,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:12:57.126 --> 00:13:00.430 so that is called standardized  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:13:00.518 --> 00:13:02.588 care and it is based now  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:13:02.590 --> 00:13:05.422 on genomics, which do play a huge role

NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:13:05.422 --> 00:13:07.608 in determining treatment for cancer,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:13:07.610 --> 00:13:09.150 it has been a significant advance.

00:13:11.080 --> 00:13:13.010 In the treatment of breast cancer,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:13:13.010 --> 00:13:15.692 when we look back we find that

NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:13:15.692 --> 00:13:18.746 we were probably over treating a lot of

NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:13:18.746 --> 00:13:21.889 the breast cancer patients with chemotherapy.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:13:21.890 --> 00:13:24.284 Now we have tests that can actually

NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:13:24.284 --> 00:13:26.140 determine benefit from chemotherapy,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:13:26.140 --> 00:13:28.276 and these are based on genomic

NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:13:28.276 --> 00:13:31.028 tests allowed for a lot of the

NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:13:31.028 --> 00:13:32.696 cancers including lung cancer,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:13:32.700 --> 00:13:34.700 colon cancer we are doing

NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:13:34.700 --> 00:13:36.179 molecular testing we're

NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:13:36.179 --> 00:13:38.644 identifying targets on these cells,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:13:38.650 --> 00:13:41.614 which we know drive the growth

NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:13:41.614 --> 00:13:43.096 of cancer cells,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:13:43.100 --> 00:13:46.142 and then we can actually pick

NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:13:46.142 --> 00:13:48.170 medications that would specifically

NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:13:48.248 --> 00:13:50.508 block these drivers and that

00:13:51.390 --> 00:13:54.470 is sort of the tailor made approach

NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:13:54.470 --> 00:13:56.440 for treating cancer.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8686825

00:13:56.440 --> 00:13:58.408 So it sounds like

NOTE Confidence: 0.855562

00:13:58.410 --> 00:14:00.978 you know patients can get that

NOTE Confidence: 0.855562

00:14:00.978 --> 00:14:04.084 same kind of genomic testing in

NOTE Confidence: 0.855562

00:14:04.084 --> 00:14:06.046 that personalized therapies

NOTE Confidence: 0.855562

00:14:06.050 --> 00:14:08.170 even staying closer to home.

NOTE Confidence: 0.855562

00:14:08.170 --> 00:14:10.949 We're going to take a short break

NOTE Confidence: 0.855562

00:14:10.949 --> 00:14:13.546 for a medical minute and come

NOTE Confidence: 0.855562

00:14:13.546 --> 00:14:16.180 back and talk more about cancer

NOTE Confidence: 0.855562

00:14:16.180 --> 00:14:18.736 care in the community with my

NOTE Confidence: 0.8257393

00:14:18.740 --> 00:14:20.960 guest Doctor Katoch.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8257393

00:14:20.960 --> 00:14:23.180 Support for Yale Cancer Answers comes from

NOTE Confidence: 0.8257393

00:14:23.252 --> 00:14:25.182 AstraZeneca, working to eliminate

NOTE Confidence: 0.8257393

00:14:25.182 --> 00:14:27.620 cancer as a cause of death.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8257393

00:14:27.620 --> 00:14:31.188 Learn more at [astrazeneca-us.com](http://astrazeneca-us.com).

NOTE Confidence: 0.8257393

00:14:31.190 --> 00:14:33.250 This is a medical minute

NOTE Confidence: 0.8257393

00:14:33.250 --> 00:14:34.486 about colorectal cancer.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8257393

00:14:34.490 --> 00:14:35.891 When detected early,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8257393

00:14:35.891 --> 00:14:38.226 colorectal cancer is easily treated

NOTE Confidence: 0.8257393

00:14:38.226 --> 00:14:41.109 and highly curable and as a result

NOTE Confidence: 0.8257393

00:14:41.109 --> 00:14:43.439 it's recommended that men and women

NOTE Confidence: 0.8257393

00:14:43.439 --> 00:14:46.113 over the age of 45 have regular

NOTE Confidence: 0.8257393

00:14:46.113 --> 00:14:48.388 colonoscopies to screen for the disease.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8257393

00:14:48.388 --> 00:14:50.273 Tumor gene analysis has helped

NOTE Confidence: 0.8257393

00:14:50.273 --> 00:14:52.012 improve management of colorectal

NOTE Confidence: 0.8257393

00:14:52.012 --> 00:14:54.172 cancer by identifying the patients

NOTE Confidence: 0.8257393

00:14:54.172 --> 00:14:56.355 most likely to benefit from

NOTE Confidence: 0.8257393

00:14:56.355 --> 00:14:58.445 chemotherapy and newer targeted agents,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8257393

00:14:58.450 --> 00:15:00.350 resulting in more patient  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8257393

00:15:00.350 --> 00:15:01.300 specific treatments.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8257393

00:15:01.300 --> 00:15:03.372 More information is available  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8257393

00:15:03.372 --> 00:15:04.408 at [yalecancercenter.org](http://yalecancercenter.org).  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8257393

00:15:04.410 --> 00:15:07.530 You're listening to Connecticut Public Radio.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8654464

00:15:10.620 --> 00:15:12.612 Welcome back to Yale Cancer Answers.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8654464

00:15:12.612 --> 00:15:15.000 We're discussing the care of  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8654464

00:15:15.073 --> 00:15:17.133 cancer patients in the community  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8654464

00:15:17.133 --> 00:15:20.034 and right before the break  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8654464

00:15:20.034 --> 00:15:22.722 we were talking about some of the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8654464

00:15:22.722 --> 00:15:25.276 differences and the other thing that I  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8654464

00:15:25.276 --> 00:15:27.950 was wondering about was clinical trials.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8654464

00:15:27.950 --> 00:15:30.764 So often on this show,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8654464

00:15:30.770 --> 00:15:33.290 we talk about the importance of  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8654464

00:15:33.290 --> 00:15:35.480 clinical trials and how that's

NOTE Confidence: 0.8654464

00:15:35.480 --> 00:15:38.476 one of the ways to get tomorrow's

NOTE Confidence: 0.8654464

00:15:38.476 --> 00:15:40.709 therapies today in that patients

NOTE Confidence: 0.8654464

00:15:40.710 --> 00:15:43.398 often will get the best care by

NOTE Confidence: 0.8654464

00:15:43.398 --> 00:15:45.352 participating in clinical trials for

NOTE Confidence: 0.8654464

00:15:45.352 --> 00:15:47.900 which they are eligible and for which

NOTE Confidence: 0.8654464

00:15:47.900 --> 00:15:50.898 their Doctor thinks they would benefit from.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8654464

00:15:50.900 --> 00:15:53.168 Talk to us about whether clinical

NOTE Confidence: 0.8654464

00:15:53.168 --> 00:15:55.610 trials are available in the community setting.

NOTE Confidence: 0.89653975

00:15:55.610 --> 00:15:59.129 You bring up a great point,

NOTE Confidence: 0.89653975

00:15:59.130 --> 00:16:02.271 and it is true that we wouldn't

NOTE Confidence: 0.89653975

00:16:02.271 --> 00:16:05.606 be where we are today in cancer if

NOTE Confidence: 0.89653975

00:16:05.606 --> 00:16:08.030 we didn't encourage our patients

NOTE Confidence: 0.89653975

00:16:08.030 --> 00:16:10.760 to participate in clinical trials.

NOTE Confidence: 0.89653975

00:16:10.760 --> 00:16:13.318 As everyone knows, 2020 has

NOTE Confidence: 0.89653975

00:16:13.318 --> 00:16:15.138 been a particularly challenging year,

NOTE Confidence: 0.89653975

00:16:15.140 --> 00:16:18.344 and also for clinical trials it has been a very

NOTE Confidence: 0.89653975

00:16:18.344 --> 00:16:20.617 challenging year simply because

NOTE Confidence: 0.89653975

00:16:20.620 --> 00:16:21.715 clinical trials require

NOTE Confidence: 0.89653975

00:16:21.715 --> 00:16:22.810 very diligent follow-up,

NOTE Confidence: 0.89653975

00:16:22.810 --> 00:16:24.290 mostly for patient safety,

NOTE Confidence: 0.89653975

00:16:24.290 --> 00:16:27.190 and that we all know because of covid

NOTE Confidence: 0.89653975

00:16:27.190 --> 00:16:29.780 we've had to resort to

NOTE Confidence: 0.89653975

00:16:29.780 --> 00:16:31.584 virtual appointments and seeing

NOTE Confidence: 0.89653975

00:16:31.584 --> 00:16:34.080 patients may be a little bit

NOTE Confidence: 0.89653975

00:16:34.145 --> 00:16:36.677 less frequently than we normally would,

NOTE Confidence: 0.89653975

00:16:36.680 --> 00:16:39.214 so a lot of the clinical trials

NOTE Confidence: 0.89653975

00:16:39.214 --> 00:16:40.750 had to be put

NOTE Confidence: 0.89653975

00:16:40.750 --> 00:16:44.030 on hold, but usually we have a very

NOTE Confidence: 0.89653975

00:16:44.030 --> 00:16:46.418 robust collection of clinical trials

NOTE Confidence: 0.89653975

00:16:46.418 --> 00:16:48.888 for patients with breast cancer,

NOTE Confidence: 0.89653975

00:16:48.890 --> 00:16:50.694 colon, cancer, lung cancer,

NOTE Confidence: 0.89653975

00:16:50.694 --> 00:16:51.596 chronic leukemias,

NOTE Confidence: 0.89653975

00:16:51.600 --> 00:16:52.502 and myelomas.

NOTE Confidence: 0.89653975

00:16:52.502 --> 00:16:54.757 That brings up

NOTE Confidence: 0.86026824

00:16:54.760 --> 00:16:57.329 a great point. The fact that you're

NOTE Confidence: 0.86026824

00:16:57.329 --> 00:17:00.405 part of a network and can avail

NOTE Confidence: 0.86026824

00:17:00.405 --> 00:17:02.770 yourself of clinical trials that

NOTE Confidence: 0.86026824

00:17:02.770 --> 00:17:05.610 are available at larger centers.

NOTE Confidence: 0.86026824

00:17:05.610 --> 00:17:08.316 Maybe not all of the trials,

NOTE Confidence: 0.86026824

00:17:08.320 --> 00:17:11.338 but certainly a collaboration whereby

NOTE Confidence: 0.86026824

00:17:11.340 --> 00:17:13.000 patients can avail themselves

NOTE Confidence: 0.86026824

00:17:13.000 --> 00:17:14.245 of clinical trials,

NOTE Confidence: 0.86026824

00:17:14.250 --> 00:17:17.155 oftentimes closer to home, and if not,

NOTE Confidence: 0.86026824

00:17:17.160 --> 00:17:20.445 you can always send them to to a larger

NOTE Confidence: 0.86026824

00:17:20.445 --> 00:17:22.578 center where they can participate

NOTE Confidence: 0.86026824

00:17:22.578 --> 00:17:25.900 and that brings up my next question,

NOTE Confidence: 0.86026824

00:17:25.900 --> 00:17:28.948 which is in those cases where  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86026824

00:17:28.948 --> 00:17:32.225 there is a particular nuances of the care  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86026824

00:17:32.225 --> 00:17:35.877 or where a second opinion might be needed,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86026824

00:17:35.880 --> 00:17:38.280 is it possible for patients to  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86026824

00:17:38.280 --> 00:17:40.412 seek a second opinion somewhere  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86026824

00:17:40.412 --> 00:17:42.657 and still get treated  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86026824

00:17:42.660 --> 00:17:43.800 closer to home?  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86026824

00:17:43.800 --> 00:17:46.460 So for example getting the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86026824

00:17:46.540 --> 00:17:49.669 advice of an oncologist closer to home  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86026824

00:17:49.669 --> 00:17:52.210 about what particular regimen to use,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86026824

00:17:52.210 --> 00:17:55.530 or how a radiation plan might be structured,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86026824

00:17:55.530 --> 00:17:58.850 but then still get their care closer to home?  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8643799

00:17:58.850 --> 00:18:00.990 Absolutely yes,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8643799

00:18:00.990 --> 00:18:03.130 and this happens more  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8643799

00:18:03.130 --> 00:18:05.579 frequently than one would think.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8643799

00:18:05.580 --> 00:18:08.076 And you know, sometimes I'll say to my

NOTE Confidence: 0.8643799

00:18:08.076 --> 00:18:10.500 patients when I'm torn between two options.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8643799

00:18:10.500 --> 00:18:13.443 And I'll say I would like you to see,

00:18:15.090 --> 00:18:17.058 so and so maybe at the Dana Farber Institute,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8643799

00:18:17.060 --> 00:18:19.356 maybe closer to home at Smilow.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8643799

00:18:19.360 --> 00:18:21.530 And then I always give them the

NOTE Confidence: 0.8643799

00:18:21.530 --> 00:18:24.180 option that if this is

00:18:26.228 --> 00:18:28.538 recommended and if it's not on a clinical

NOTE Confidence: 0.8643799

00:18:28.538 --> 00:18:31.489 trial and we are able to do it here,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8643799

00:18:31.490 --> 00:18:33.814 you are welcome to come here and

NOTE Confidence: 0.8643799

00:18:33.814 --> 00:18:36.188 we would love to treat you here

NOTE Confidence: 0.8643799

00:18:36.190 --> 00:18:37.950 if that is your preference,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8643799

00:18:37.950 --> 00:18:38.781 so this is,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8643799

00:18:38.781 --> 00:18:40.720 you know a very sort of open

NOTE Confidence: 0.8643799

00:18:40.795 --> 00:18:42.529 discussion with patients,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8643799

00:18:42.530 --> 00:18:44.315 and sometimes patients will finish

NOTE Confidence: 0.8643799

00:18:44.315 --> 00:18:46.502 their clinical trial and then will

NOTE Confidence: 0.8643799

00:18:46.502 --> 00:18:48.882 continue to follow with you as their  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8643799

00:18:48.882 --> 00:18:50.623 primary oncologist.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8643799

00:18:50.623 --> 00:18:52.378 Ultimately it's about the patient.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8643799

00:18:52.380 --> 00:18:54.486 What is best for the patient,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8643799

00:18:54.490 --> 00:18:57.658 and I make sure that our patients  
00:18:58.402 --> 00:19:00.257 know that and they're not feeling pressured  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8643799

00:19:00.257 --> 00:19:02.052 and not feeling that their  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8643799

00:19:02.052 --> 00:19:03.288 offending us in any way.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:19:03.290 --> 00:19:05.288 It's important  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:19:05.288 --> 00:19:07.091 for patients and everybody listening  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:19:07.091 --> 00:19:08.719 to really understand that.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:19:08.720 --> 00:19:11.012 You know this is a collaboration  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:19:11.012 --> 00:19:12.971 and it's a collaboration amongst  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:19:12.971 --> 00:19:15.101 physicians who are all trying to  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:19:15.101 --> 00:19:17.718 treat you in the best possible way.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:19:17.720 --> 00:19:20.380 And so you're not going to offend  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:19:20.380 --> 00:19:23.350 anybody and for for the most part  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:19:23.350 --> 00:19:25.526 many of us actually do seek the opinions  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:19:25.526 --> 00:19:28.063 of our colleagues at multidisciplinary  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:19:28.063 --> 00:19:30.468 tumor conferences like you mentioned,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:19:30.470 --> 00:19:32.888 as well as outside the institution  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:19:32.888 --> 00:19:35.583 and frequently you can get the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:19:35.583 --> 00:19:37.599 same care then closer to home.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:19:37.600 --> 00:19:39.928 If somebody has a better idea  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:19:39.928 --> 00:19:42.430 of how to treat something.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:19:42.430 --> 00:19:44.565 Whereby those services  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:19:44.565 --> 00:19:46.700 are available in the community.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:19:46.700 --> 00:19:48.840 You can still do so.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:19:48.840 --> 00:19:51.374 Talk to me a little bit  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:19:51.374 --> 00:19:53.960 about kind of community support.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:19:53.960 --> 00:19:57.124 You mentioned one of the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:19:57.124 --> 00:19:58.964 disadvantages sometimes of going

NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:19:58.964 --> 00:20:01.813 into a larger center is that you

NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:20:01.813 --> 00:20:04.207 know frequently if care is required,

NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:20:04.210 --> 00:20:06.766 say for example with radiation therapy,

NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:20:06.770 --> 00:20:09.570 five days a week for many weeks

NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:20:09.570 --> 00:20:13.276 that a 2 hour drive might not be

00:20:14.062 --> 00:20:16.408 the most feasible thing one would

NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:20:16.408 --> 00:20:19.110 also imagine that just being

NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:20:19.110 --> 00:20:21.240 in the community where you're at,

NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:20:21.240 --> 00:20:23.400 being around loved ones and so

NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:20:23.400 --> 00:20:26.107 on can sometimes be a little bit

NOTE Confidence: 0.86686933

00:20:26.107 --> 00:20:27.295 more comfortable for

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:20:27.300 --> 00:20:30.340 patients. Do you find that that's the case?

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:20:30.340 --> 00:20:32.524 So I would say that in cancer care

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:20:32.524 --> 00:20:34.880 that is of utmost importance.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:20:34.880 --> 00:20:37.533 This is 1 diagnosis where

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:20:37.533 --> 00:20:39.998 just having the support of the

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:20:39.998 --> 00:20:42.500 people you love is so meaningful

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:20:42.500 --> 00:20:44.889 because it's not just a physical

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:20:44.890 --> 00:20:46.954 diagnosis. It's an emotional,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:20:46.954 --> 00:20:49.534 psychological diagnosis that

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:20:49.534 --> 00:20:51.957 affects all the people around you.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:20:51.960 --> 00:20:54.936 So it's really important to have that social

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:20:54.936 --> 00:20:57.820 support not only from your family,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:20:57.820 --> 00:21:00.022 but also from where you are being

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:21:00.022 --> 00:21:02.570 treated so where we are

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:21:02.570 --> 00:21:04.663 for example, at the Yale Cancer Center

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:21:04.663 --> 00:21:07.328 we have a radiation oncology division,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:21:07.330 --> 00:21:09.526 which is in the same building.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:21:09.530 --> 00:21:11.355 So people who need radiation

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:21:11.355 --> 00:21:12.815 can come right there.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:21:12.820 --> 00:21:15.636 If we are doing something which is a

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:21:15.636 --> 00:21:17.209 combination chemotherapy and radiation,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:21:17.210 --> 00:21:18.418 we will  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:21:18.418 --> 00:21:20.230 try to make sure  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:21:20.310 --> 00:21:22.038 that their appointments  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:21:22.040 --> 00:21:23.894 can be coordinated that life really  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:21:23.894 --> 00:21:26.447 can be as simple as possible for them.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:21:26.450 --> 00:21:28.030 Sometimes people don't have transport,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:21:28.030 --> 00:21:30.760 so we have a social worker on site who will  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:21:30.832 --> 00:21:33.380 arrange for transport for people and  
00:21:34.006 --> 00:21:36.197 we will tell our patients, our elderly  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:21:36.197 --> 00:21:38.420 patients who often rely on their children  
00:21:39.365 --> 00:21:40.625 but their children work,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:21:40.630 --> 00:21:42.610 so it's not always possible for  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:21:42.610 --> 00:21:44.869 somebody to give you a ride each  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:21:44.869 --> 00:21:46.603 and every day back and forth.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:21:46.610 --> 00:21:48.946 So we have that kind of support and  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:21:48.946 --> 00:21:51.647 we want our patients to know about it.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:21:51.650 --> 00:21:54.248 We want them to use it.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:21:54.250 --> 00:21:56.310 We also have support groups.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:21:56.310 --> 00:21:59.110 We have a very robust and active

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:21:59.110 --> 00:22:00.830 breast Cancer Support group.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:22:00.830 --> 00:22:02.755 Other support groups which are

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:22:02.755 --> 00:22:05.350 not as robust but are present.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:22:05.350 --> 00:22:08.030 They meet once a month I think now

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:22:08.030 --> 00:22:11.453 with some of them have been

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:22:11.453 --> 00:22:13.754 meeting remotely but that women

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:22:13.754 --> 00:22:16.370 also find a very strong sense

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:22:16.370 --> 00:22:18.500 of community and support with

NOTE Confidence: 0.8886399

00:22:18.500 --> 00:22:20.550 those centers and I would

NOTE Confidence: 0.87593275

00:22:20.550 --> 00:22:22.695 think that the other

NOTE Confidence: 0.87593275

00:22:22.695 --> 00:22:24.840 place where

NOTE Confidence: 0.87593275

00:22:24.840 --> 00:22:28.333 optimizing and kind of using

NOTE Confidence: 0.87593275

00:22:28.333 --> 00:22:31.529 that social support is at end of life.

NOTE Confidence: 0.87593275

00:22:31.530 --> 00:22:34.206 In terms of palliative care.

NOTE Confidence: 0.87593275

00:22:34.210 --> 00:22:37.192 So our palliative care resource is

NOTE Confidence: 0.87593275

00:22:37.192 --> 00:22:40.002 available in the Community both on

NOTE Confidence: 0.87593275

00:22:40.002 --> 00:22:42.571 inpatient as well as there is

NOTE Confidence: 0.87593275

00:22:42.571 --> 00:22:45.757 such a thing as home palliative care

NOTE Confidence: 0.87593275

00:22:45.757 --> 00:22:48.492 where people can really

NOTE Confidence: 0.87593275

00:22:48.492 --> 00:22:51.649 take community all the way back to

NOTE Confidence: 0.87593275

00:22:51.649 --> 00:22:55.045 your own home and have the services

NOTE Confidence: 0.87593275

00:22:55.050 --> 00:22:56.510 that keep you comfortable at

NOTE Confidence: 0.87593275

00:22:56.510 --> 00:22:58.350 the end of life at home.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8088247

00:22:59.790 --> 00:23:02.520 You bring up an excellent,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8088247

00:23:02.520 --> 00:23:05.340 excellent question, so valuate care is

NOTE Confidence: 0.8088247

00:23:05.340 --> 00:23:08.439 a very important part of cancer care,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8088247

00:23:08.440 --> 00:23:11.618 and you know it includes pain control.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8088247

00:23:11.620 --> 00:23:13.895 It includes things that can

NOTE Confidence: 0.8088247

00:23:13.895 --> 00:23:16.170 occur like loss of appetite,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8088247

00:23:16.170 --> 00:23:18.450 loss of interest in life,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8088247

00:23:18.450 --> 00:23:21.278 so we actually offer a consultative

NOTE Confidence: 0.8088247

00:23:21.278 --> 00:23:24.359 service that is available through Yale.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8088247

00:23:24.360 --> 00:23:27.336 We can do it either virtually

NOTE Confidence: 0.8088247

00:23:27.336 --> 00:23:29.800 or we can do it

NOTE Confidence: 0.8088247

00:23:29.800 --> 00:23:33.349 in the office, we actually have consultative

NOTE Confidence: 0.8088247

00:23:33.349 --> 00:23:35.579 care services available on site,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8088247

00:23:35.580 --> 00:23:39.436 so that is outpatient and inpatient.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8088247

00:23:39.440 --> 00:23:41.364 Palliative care services are available

NOTE Confidence: 0.8088247

00:23:41.364 --> 00:23:42.807 through both hospitals.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8088247

00:23:42.810 --> 00:23:46.308 So both Waterbury Hospital and Saint

NOTE Confidence: 0.8088247

00:23:46.308 --> 00:23:48.640 Mary's Hospital offer palliative

NOTE Confidence: 0.8088247

00:23:48.724 --> 00:23:51.846 care services is an inpatient unit 4.

00:23:53.008 --> 00:23:56.470 A lot of patients want to be home.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8088247

00:23:56.470 --> 00:23:58.400 They want to

NOTE Confidence: 0.8088247

00:23:58.400 --> 00:24:00.682 be surrounded with the loved ones they

NOTE Confidence: 0.8088247

00:24:00.682 --> 00:24:03.398 want to be in familiar surroundings.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8088247

00:24:03.400 --> 00:24:05.710 So we have several Hospice agencies,

00:24:07.255 --> 00:24:09.830 who can make that possible

NOTE Confidence: 0.8088247

00:24:09.830 --> 00:24:13.166 and who do really do a very

NOTE Confidence: 0.8088247

00:24:13.170 --> 00:24:16.306 fabulous job of taking

NOTE Confidence: 0.8088247

00:24:16.306 --> 00:24:19.358 care of patients at the end of

NOTE Confidence: 0.8088247

00:24:19.358 --> 00:24:21.770 life, they trained to do that.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8088247

00:24:21.770 --> 00:24:23.030 They are compassionate,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8088247

00:24:23.030 --> 00:24:25.130 their empathetic and most patients

NOTE Confidence: 0.8088247

00:24:25.130 --> 00:24:27.790 are very pleased with their services.

00:24:29.940 --> 00:24:31.660 It's really important for cancer

NOTE Confidence: 0.880752

00:24:31.660 --> 00:24:33.810 patients to get treated where

NOTE Confidence: 0.880752

00:24:33.810 --> 00:24:36.424 they feel the most comfortable and

NOTE Confidence: 0.880752

00:24:36.424 --> 00:24:38.539 being surrounded by loved ones,

NOTE Confidence: 0.880752

00:24:38.540 --> 00:24:41.120 particularly at the end of life,

NOTE Confidence: 0.880752

00:24:41.120 --> 00:24:44.060 is something that they may consider.

00:24:47.525 --> 00:24:50.158 You've mentioned a few times

NOTE Confidence: 0.880752

00:24:50.160 --> 00:24:52.505 this whole crisis that

NOTE Confidence: 0.880752

00:24:52.505 --> 00:24:54.850 we've been through with Covid,

NOTE Confidence: 0.880752

00:24:54.850 --> 00:24:58.084 which in and of itself has restricted

NOTE Confidence: 0.880752

00:24:58.084 --> 00:25:00.958 mobility in terms of going across

NOTE Confidence: 0.880752

00:25:00.958 --> 00:25:03.760 state lines for certain states,

NOTE Confidence: 0.880752

00:25:03.760 --> 00:25:05.240 travel and so on.

NOTE Confidence: 0.880752

00:25:05.240 --> 00:25:08.061 Talk to us a little bit about

NOTE Confidence: 0.880752

00:25:08.061 --> 00:25:10.591 how the covid epidemic affected

NOTE Confidence: 0.880752

00:25:10.591 --> 00:25:13.610 cancer care in the community.

NOTE Confidence: 0.87835586

00:25:14.990 --> 00:25:18.518 Well, you know a lot of the screening

NOTE Confidence: 0.87835586

00:25:18.518 --> 00:25:21.160 procedures that people would go for,

NOTE Confidence: 0.87835586

00:25:21.160 --> 00:25:23.860 I think those have been the

NOTE Confidence: 0.87835586

00:25:23.860 --> 00:25:27.029 first ones to have gone

NOTE Confidence: 0.87835586

00:25:27.029 --> 00:25:29.976 away or have been put on hold.

NOTE Confidence: 0.87835586

00:25:29.980 --> 00:25:31.306 So screening mammograms,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.87835586

00:25:31.306 --> 00:25:32.190 screening colonoscopies,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.87835586

00:25:32.190 --> 00:25:34.390 those have been a challenge,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.87835586

00:25:34.390 --> 00:25:37.498 so people have either put them off  
NOTE Confidence: 0.87835586

00:25:37.498 --> 00:25:41.009 or have just been afraid to go out.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.87835586

00:25:41.010 --> 00:25:42.369 And you know,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.87835586

00:25:42.369 --> 00:25:45.087 we've resorted to some virtual visits.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.87835586

00:25:45.090 --> 00:25:46.944 Which I would say patients are  
NOTE Confidence: 0.87835586

00:25:46.944 --> 00:25:48.710 thankful that they're seeing a doctor,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.87835586

00:25:48.710 --> 00:25:50.690 even if they're not coming into  
NOTE Confidence: 0.87835586

00:25:50.690 --> 00:25:52.598 the office and patients who have  
NOTE Confidence: 0.87835586

00:25:52.598 --> 00:25:54.446 been able to come to the office  
NOTE Confidence: 0.87835586

00:25:54.446 --> 00:25:56.570 are just so delighted to be there,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.87835586

00:25:56.570 --> 00:25:58.523 and they have often said to me  
NOTE Confidence: 0.87835586

00:25:58.523 --> 00:26:00.700 that this is my first  
NOTE Confidence: 0.87835586

00:26:00.700 --> 00:26:02.608 outing in the last three months.

NOTE Confidence: 0.87835586

00:26:02.610 --> 00:26:05.930 I cannot tell you how happy I am to be here,

NOTE Confidence: 0.87835586

00:26:05.930 --> 00:26:10.560 so it's sort of kind of funny to hear that.

00:26:13.328 --> 00:26:16.267 But a lot of people have delayed their

NOTE Confidence: 0.87835586

00:26:16.267 --> 00:26:20.001 care and we are beginning to see

NOTE Confidence: 0.87835586

00:26:20.001 --> 00:26:22.545 a little bit of an uptick

NOTE Confidence: 0.87835586

00:26:22.550 --> 00:26:25.214 now in patients presenting with slightly

NOTE Confidence: 0.87835586

00:26:25.214 --> 00:26:27.880 advanced cancers at this time because

NOTE Confidence: 0.8555932

00:26:27.880 --> 00:26:30.540 of the lack of screening, you

NOTE Confidence: 0.8555932

00:26:30.540 --> 00:26:33.648 think lack of screening and self delayed

NOTE Confidence: 0.8555932

00:26:33.648 --> 00:26:35.869 patient care, obviously,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8555932

00:26:35.869 --> 00:26:38.084 for reasons that are understandable.

NOTE Confidence: 0.85002327

00:26:39.240 --> 00:26:41.598 And so are you recommending that

NOTE Confidence: 0.85002327

00:26:41.598 --> 00:26:44.290 people get back into screening now?

NOTE Confidence: 0.85002327

00:26:44.290 --> 00:26:47.018 Do you think that we have gotten over

NOTE Confidence: 0.85002327

00:26:47.018 --> 00:26:49.937 the height of the pandemic such

NOTE Confidence: 0.85002327

00:26:49.937 --> 00:26:53.169 that people should really get back into

NOTE Confidence: 0.85002327

00:26:53.169 --> 00:26:55.659 doing those screening mammograms and

NOTE Confidence: 0.85002327

00:26:55.660 --> 00:26:56.114 colonoscopies?

NOTE Confidence: 0.85002327

00:26:56.114 --> 00:26:58.384 I think in the Community

NOTE Confidence: 0.85002327

00:26:58.384 --> 00:27:00.709 people are already back to it.

NOTE Confidence: 0.85002327

00:27:00.710 --> 00:27:03.236 You know our centers, they are

NOTE Confidence: 0.85002327

00:27:03.240 --> 00:27:05.345 asking everybody

NOTE Confidence: 0.85002327

00:27:05.345 --> 00:27:07.029 to wear masks, temperature checks.

NOTE Confidence: 0.85002327

00:27:07.030 --> 00:27:09.646 Most people now have been immunized.

NOTE Confidence: 0.85002327

00:27:09.650 --> 00:27:11.810 I would say at least 90%

NOTE Confidence: 0.85002327

00:27:11.810 --> 00:27:13.518 of my patient population,

NOTE Confidence: 0.85002327

00:27:13.518 --> 00:27:16.502 who I ask has either received the

NOTE Confidence: 0.85002327

00:27:16.502 --> 00:27:18.548 vaccine or is going to receive

NOTE Confidence: 0.85002327

00:27:18.548 --> 00:27:21.427 it in the next few days so I do

NOTE Confidence: 0.85002327

00:27:21.427 --> 00:27:24.050 get a sense that at least as far

NOTE Confidence: 0.85002327

00:27:24.050 --> 00:27:25.850 as medical care is concerned,

NOTE Confidence: 0.85002327

00:27:25.850 --> 00:27:28.730 that the Community is getting back to normal.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8861679

00:27:29.670 --> 00:27:32.631 And do you think that some of the things

NOTE Confidence: 0.8861679

00:27:32.631 --> 00:27:35.537 that we've kind of learned about medicine

NOTE Confidence: 0.8861679

00:27:35.537 --> 00:27:38.229 and how medicine can be delivered?

NOTE Confidence: 0.8861679

00:27:38.230 --> 00:27:41.016 For example, you know virtual visits

NOTE Confidence: 0.8861679

00:27:41.016 --> 00:27:42.899 and telemedicine really opened up

NOTE Confidence: 0.8861679

00:27:42.900 --> 00:27:46.252 a whole horizon for people for

NOTE Confidence: 0.8861679

00:27:46.252 --> 00:27:48.340 whom transportation was a big issue.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8861679

00:27:48.340 --> 00:27:51.444 Do you think that that's here to stay?

NOTE Confidence: 0.8861679

00:27:51.450 --> 00:27:53.694 That will continue to have Tele

NOTE Confidence: 0.8861679

00:27:53.694 --> 00:27:55.730 medicine visits into the future?

NOTE Confidence: 0.8861679

00:27:56.680 --> 00:27:57.070 Excellent

NOTE Confidence: 0.87414265

00:27:57.070 --> 00:27:59.779 question and I think that it

NOTE Confidence: 0.87414265

00:27:59.779 --> 00:28:02.884 is here to stay and it has made

NOTE Confidence: 0.87414265

00:28:02.884 --> 00:28:05.600 life simpler for a lot of people.

NOTE Confidence: 0.87414265

00:28:05.600 --> 00:28:07.540 But it has also brought

NOTE Confidence: 0.87414265

00:28:07.540 --> 00:28:08.704 along many challenges.

NOTE Confidence: 0.87414265

00:28:08.710 --> 00:28:10.780 The older patients

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00:28:10.780 --> 00:28:12.980 cannot get the video connection.

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00:28:12.980 --> 00:28:15.144 They are so frustrated

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00:28:15.144 --> 00:28:18.390 by the end of the visit.

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00:28:18.390 --> 00:28:20.766 But I would say the telephone

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00:28:20.766 --> 00:28:22.350 visits go much smoother,

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00:28:22.350 --> 00:28:25.460 especially if you're dealing with

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00:28:25.460 --> 00:28:26.684 an older population or you

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00:28:26.684 --> 00:28:28.520 know people who are just not

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00:28:28.585 --> 00:28:30.589 comfortable doing it on the phone.

00:28:32.495 --> 00:28:33.638 Other than the technology challenge,

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00:28:33.640 --> 00:28:36.307 I think it is here to stay.

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00:28:36.310 --> 00:28:37.570 Doctor Anamika Katoch is an

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00:28:37.570 --> 00:28:39.250 assistant professor of clinical

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00:28:39.250 --> 00:28:40.884 medicine and medical oncology

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00:28:40.884 --> 00:28:42.780 at the Yale School of Medicine.

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00:28:42.780 --> 00:28:44.312 If you have questions,

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00:28:44.312 --> 00:28:45.844 the address is canceranswers@yale.edu

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00:28:45.844 --> 00:28:47.953 and past editions of the program

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00:28:47.953 --> 00:28:49.885 are available in audio and written

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00:28:49.940 --> 00:28:51.548 form at yalecancercenter.org.

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00:28:51.550 --> 00:28:54.374 We hope you'll join us next week to

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00:28:54.374 --> 00:28:57.122 learn more about the fight against

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00:28:57.122 --> 00:29:00.068 cancer here on Connecticut Public Radio.