

Transcript

Blood Cancer UK: Blood cancer prognosis video

Voiceover by Gemma, Senior Support Service Nurse:

If you are diagnosed with a blood cancer, your prognosis and outlook is individual to you.

Things that can contribute to this can be:

- your type of blood cancer
- how you respond to the treatment
- your age
- your wellbeing, and
- how early your blood cancer was detected.

The best people to speak to about your prognosis will be your treatment team.

For many people with blood cancer, the treatments given can cure the disease, and for others, these treatments can manage the disease so well that they can live a good quality of life.

As research leads to new treatments, more and more people are surviving blood cancer.

Voiceover by a person living with blood cancer:

In terms of my prognosis, we hope that I'm going to continue as I am for a very long time. But, I also have the security that my cancer is slow growing and that I'm getting checked every eight weeks. So, if things do start to change, it will be picked up really quickly.

Voiceover by a person living with blood cancer:

I know I'm 75, but, I still feel quite young at heart and hopefully I'm going to carry on swimming, going on holidays and doing all the things that I enjoy.

Voiceover by a person living with blood cancer:

It was clear from the start that the chances for me were not brilliant. I was told the first time around, when I was first diagnosed, that I had a 40% chance of survival, so odds were against me. I was on a clinical trial that wouldn't have been available five years before, eight years before, when I was first diagnosed. And, so I've seen, I mean, I'm living proof of how research makes a difference and how things are getting better and more people are surviving.