

TAXOTERE AS SOON AS HRPcA IS EVIDENT?

Disclaimer: Please recognize that I am not a Medical Doctor. I have been an avid student researching and studying prostate cancer as a survivor and continuing patient since 1992. I have dedicated my retirement years to continued research and study in order to serve as an advocate for prostate cancer awareness, and, from a activist patient's viewpoint, to help patients, caregivers, and others interested develop an understanding of prostate cancer, its treatment options, and the treatment of the side effects that often accompany treatment. Readers of this paper must understand that the comments or recommendations I make are not intended to be the procedure to blindly follow; rather, they are to be reviewed as my opinion, then used for further personal research, study, and subsequent discussion with the medical professional/physician providing prostate cancer care.

The Prostate Forum video on August 10, 2011 by well known Medical Oncologist Charles "Snuffy" Myers, specializing in research and treatment of recurring and advanced prostate cancer, remarked that docetaxel/Taxotere might provide a longer survival time if prescribed as soon as it appears Hormone Refractory Prostate Cancer (HRPCa) is occurring BEFORE it becomes symptomatic. Instead, more often patients are continued on different treatments and held off from moving to docetaxel/Taxotere until their cancer has become symptomatic and consequently more difficult to be as effective as it might have been if begun earlier on. What is occurring most often are physicians waiting until the cancer has become so advanced that treatment with docetaxel/Taxotere at that point is only palliative – having little to no "survival" benefit – and likely to fail earlier with subsequent other combinations of treatment also palliative.

Those on androgen deprivation therapy (ADT), and particularly those who's ADT appears to be failing, should discuss with their physician the prescribing of docetaxel/Taxotere at this earlier stage of likely HRPcA before their cancer becomes symptomatic.

See: <http://tinyurl.com/7p8luh2> and scroll down to "Starting Taxotere for PCa"

(**IMPORTANT** to be aware regarding the importance to NOT DRIVE following a docetaxel/Taxotere infusion - <http://tinyurl.com/kyqqbp5>)