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MY NAME IS MORRIS WAGMAN, SOMETIMES CALLED MOE.

I am a 10 year survivor of Prostate Cancer, having been treated with External Beam Radiation.

In 1994 I went to see my new young family physician since my previous GP passed away. After undergoing a thorough examination, he suggested that I have a PSA test. I had never heard of this test before but I agreed. After the test my PSA was 8.5, so the doctor sent me to see a Urologist. The urologist did not feel anything with the DRE and sent me for a biopsy. The biopsy confirmed that I had prostate cancer with a Gleason of 7. Since I was 67 years old and considered to be in the grey area, the doctor put me on Hormones. At that time it was 1 Lupron injection a month plus pills every day, for 5 months. While I was on the hormones I read everything about prostate cancer at the library and got information from the internet, having never heard about prostate cancer before.

There was nowhere to turn. There wasn't a support group that I could attend. However I met with a friend, who told me there were a few men who wanted to start a support group for prostate cancer patients and were influenced by Dr. John Trachtenberg, and my friend asked if I would be interested in attending a meeting. I said yes and that was when this group got started.

While I was on the hormones I had to have Heart By-pass surgery. When I recovered from the by-pass surgery there was no way I could be operated on with a radical prostatectomy, so my only alternative was External Beam

Radiation. I had 30 treatments which took place daily except weekends for 6 weeks. After each of my radiation treatments I went to do my exercise for my heart, at the Toronto Rehab Centre. I was walking 3 miles in 48 minutes each day, after my by-pass surgery, and I had absolutely no side effects from the radiation.

My Oncologist says I am now cured since it has been 10 years with no reoccurrence, but he refuses to put it into writing with a guarantee. However, I keep telling everyone that they'll never get me alive.

Thank you.