

Marc Durocher:

In July 2005 I was diagnosed with prostate cancer after having a biopsy. That was the result of a series of PSA tests that were higher than the years before. The surgeon recommended a Radical Prostatectomy and gave me a couple of weeks to think about it.

The next day I went to a Man to Man meeting in Toronto and it was very helpful because I had a lot of support and a lot of different solutions to look at that were suggested by men who went through that same situation.

So I saw a radiologist who confirmed that the surgery was the best for me because of my age and that the cancer was located within the prostate.

Then in August through Man to Man I went to the annual CPCN conference in Toronto and there I saw a presentation on a new surgery technique called Laparoscopic Surgery presented by Dr. Finelli.

For whatever reason, I felt very comfortable with him and wanted to see if I was a good candidate.

I met him like one or two weeks later where he explained everything and told me that I was a good candidate. I felt very good about it.

I cancelled my other operation and went for it within 3 weeks in September 2005.

(I will explain the procedure a little but not in too much detail.)

My decision was based on the Doctor's presentation; it is less invasive, there is usually less bleeding, and the recuperation time is faster. I was out of the hospital after 3 days, 2 would have been enough, and the catheter was removed after a week.

My Gleason score was diagnosed as a 9, but after the surgery the pathology report said that it was only a 7.

I was back at the office after 6 weeks and back at the gym at the same time.

And now for many months I have been feeling even better than before the surgery and I have a lot of energy.

Thank you.