

A Patient's Story

Lorie Vincent Mukwonago, Wisconsin

When Lorie Vincent was diagnosed with uterine leiomyosarcoma in 1999 her physicians told her there was high probability that it would eventually spread to her lungs, and it has **nine times**.

Over the years, Lorie has had chemotherapy, radiation therapy and multiple lung resections to treat her recurrences of lung metastasis. Most recently, she had three tumors treated by CyberKnife® stereotactic radiation therapy at the CyberKnife Center at Waukesha Memorial Hospital.

In order to prepare Lorie for her upcoming CyberKnife treatments, she underwent a superDimension® Electromagnetic Navigation Bronchoscopy™ to place fiducial markers in two of her three tumors. The third tumor was surrounded by too much scar tissue from her previous lung resections so a fiducial marker could not be placed.

One of the symptoms from Lorie's lung tumors is coughing. "I was coughing so hard that I coughed up one of my fiducial markers." Her cardiothoracic surgeon, Curtis Quinn, MD, who placed her fiducial markers with the superDimension system, was on vacation therefore interventional radiology had to place a new fiducial marker so she could begin preparing for her CyberKnife treatments.

During this interventional radiology procedure, Lorie experienced a pneumothorax (collapsed lung) and spent eight days in the hospital. Her lung was not re-inflating and it took three different chest tubes to finally re-inflate it. The last chest tube she received, the "cadillac of chest tubes", was the one that re-inflated her lung but its insertion required cutting through nerves and muscles, which was and still remains a painful area.

In addition to her eight days in the hospital, it took Lorie's lung 7-10 days to properly heal in order to receive CyberKnife treatments. "My collapsed lung set my CyberKnife treatment back two weeks."

"I am a BIG fan of this superDimension technology especially after my experience of interventional radiology fiducial placement which resulted in a collapsed lung and three different chest tubes."



Lorie Vincent's cardiothoracic surgeon placed fiducial markers to prepare to treat her lung tumors using superDimension's Electromagnetic Navigation Bronchoscopy.

To learn more about Electromagnetic Navigation Bronchoscopy and its abilities to enable physicians to diagnose, stage and prepare to treat lung nodules visit www.superdimension.com or www.spotonyourlung.com.

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