

FOLLOW-UP CHECK-UPS



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Since I had the surgery . . . , I was checked for a tumor in my head which wasn't, they thought it was a tumor, but it wasn't. And then just 2 weeks ago I was checked for lung cancer and . . . , [there] was nothing to that. So it's a fear, you know, that we're going to live with the rest of our lives.

Every year I still have to under go series of tests around the anniversary date of my surgery and I have one more year to complete the test before they say, what they say cancer free. . . My last test was my four year mark and it was pure hell, excuse the expression, but it was pure hell. Because they had to order a couple of extra tests because of some complaints I had in my rib cage since I had my breast removed. . . in 6 months I need to go back and get it rechecked to see if I have to get it removed or not. But every year its like, you know I have to psych myself up for a week long of tests.



Cindy Thornton

[Western Cherokee]

I try to go in on a regular basis for check-ups, . . . the chemical testing I guess is one thing that's always a little disconcerting because early on my alkaline phosphatase level for instance was not normal, but my . . . oncologist explained to me that if there are variances in it where if it fluctuates considerably, then that's