

Recently I was diagnosed with a melanoma on my right forearm. If one must receive such a diagnosis, then knowing you're surrounded by a caring community of family/friends plus working with a talented medical team is paramount. We're thrilled to be working with Dr. Allamaneni and his team (including Mark, Jackie, Kristi, ...) in dealing with this – they come highly recommended by several trusted, medically-oriented family friends!

We go into Jewish Hospital around 9:30 AM on September 5 for outpatient procedures:

- Excise the site of any/all melanoma and then stitch it up
- Inject dye to lymph nodes and check 1-3 nodes to see if any bad stuff has already started spreading to them

My right arm will be in a sling for 2-6 weeks after the procedure. That'll likely cause my guitar to get a little lonely, my handwriting to suffer dramatically and limitations to ventures out. The movie and reading lists are already underway; voice recognition software is updated on my computer; my wonderful partner/caregiver is resting up plus she's receiving offers for assistance with this trying patient! 😊

We're navigating life with this news reasonably well. Much of that success is because of prayer, thoughts, support and love from you as our community of family and friends.

Should you be interested in an update or two in the future, they will likely go up on this webpage a day or two after successful surgery. Many thanks, in advance, for all the thoughts and prayers for our family plus for Dr. Allamaneni and the medical team!