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## Health Matters: Working Through Cancer

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According to a recent study an estimated one in 10 cancer survivors quit work within four years of being diagnosed with the disease.

Many cancer survivors wonder whether or not they can continue working while undergoing their cancer treatments.

In this Health Matters we take a look at working through cancer.

Three years ago, Remy Bivona was admitted to the hospital after a routine blood screening showed something was wrong.

"I had bruising. I would wake up in the morning and have a large bruise and not know where it came from, didn't think anything of it."

The results of her tests were conclusive for leukemia and she had to face a difficult hospitalization, but her attitude was always positive.

Dr. Eric Rost, radiation oncologist, says, "If you have the attitude that you're going to beat this and you're going to live through it, we have the tools to make that easy to happen."

Maintaining your lifestyle and continuing working through your cancer treatments takes more than just medical technology; you have to do your part as well.

Dr. David Cho, oncologist, says, "We encourage patients to continue the activities of daily living, their normal life structure when they're getting cancer therapy. Modern treatment is very easy, very well tolerated."

Now in remission, Remy continues to spread her cheer as an office manager, offering hope to other cancer survivors that there is life during and after treatment.

"Having cancer is not the beginning of the end of your life, it's part of your life. When you have cancer and cancer treatment you need to maintain your life, do the things that are important to you and still contribute."

People diagnosed early with cancer usually have a good quality of life four to five years after treatment, including being fully employed.

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