



Betty Shaw  
Lung cancer

Although retired, I coordinate the monthly Jazz on the Avenue at Walker Theatre in downtown Indianapolis. Six years ago, a light cough sent me, then 66, to my doctor.

Eight X-rays later, there was no sign of trouble. However, my pulmonologist, Dr. Doli Biondillo encouraged me to get a second opinion from an IU lung specialist. With a cancer diagnosis, I met with the lung cancer team. Each physician team member is a lung cancer specialist, who participates in research to find new tools for prevention and treatment of lung cancer. They offered me a specialized plan of chemotherapy and radiation.

Today, I am still active, enjoying my four children and six grandchildren. I wasn't going to let the cancer beat me. I credit Dr. Doli Biondillo and Dr. Nasser Hanna and his team that I'm still alive.

When I talk to others with cancer, I tell them, keep on fighting. Don't ever give up. No matter how sick you get, keep on; and, always stay in touch with the "Man upstairs."