

# Patient Stories: Andrew, Oncology

I was diagnosed with diffuse large B-cell non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, which is a mouthful.

I started to lose a lot of weight and I went from 185 pounds to 160 pounds.

He immediately felt a mass in my abdomen, and I didn't even know it was there. Did some blood work, and he was unhappy with the blood work.

And he sent me immediately off to get a CT scan.

So we did the CT scan, and Erin and I drove home. We were just down down the street was the hospital. And we were confused. We were we didn't know what was going on.

Dr. Elson said, great news, it's lymphoma. I said, what's how is that great news? I think lymphoma? I think that's cancer. Right? And little did I know. In fact, I quickly learned from Dr. Elson that it actually is the good type of cancer. It's the type that actually had a cure. And he said, we can beat this. So my world was just turned upside down right there.

I've got to say to this day, I say this time and time again, the power of positive mental attitude is so important in everything you do in life, especially in fighting cancer. Dr. Elson saying it the way he did, saying great news, it's lymphoma. I immediately, maybe it's the competitive nature, but I immediately thought to myself, all right, I got this.

My community, my family, my wife, my kids. You know, it was amazing. We... my wife didn't cook a meal for eight months. They had a meal train where every day someone from the school, from the synagogue, from the friends and family were bringing meals to the house.

We're at the 18, 19 month mark. I think now that I've been in remission and I just heard actually last night I was talking to a doctor who said that once you hit the 24 month mark, the two year mark with my specific type of lymphoma, that the rate of the cancer coming back is extremely low. But we made it through. And life is good.