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When Tom Kalas of Rochester Hills learned he had Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML), he didn't seek treatment at the community hospital where he was diagnosed. Instead, he sought another expert opinion.

"I wanted to consult leukemia cancer experts in order to get the best treatment and care possible," says Kalas, 49. "I chose a renowned out-of-state cancer hospital. After conducting a bone marrow biopsy, the doctors said my condition was rapidly deteriorating. They didn't want to take any chances, so they admitted me immediately the next morning."

Kalas began chemotherapy, but soon faced life-threatening complications. While hospitalized for six weeks, he lost 50 pounds, suffered from 105-degree daily fevers, and had numerous other side effects. Dozens of tests and scans offered no solution. With little hope for survival, Kalas made a life-saving decision and decided to seek additional treatment at Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Center.

"I found that the best treatment center for my illness was close to home," Kalas says. "Karmanos physicians quickly resolved my fevers—something the other hospital couldn't do for four and a half weeks. I had a bone marrow transplant in January 2008 and have

been in remission ever since. Karmanos saved my life."

Karmanos is one of just 41 National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers in the country. Karmanos also offers better survival rates than other metro Detroit hospitals for leukemia, breast, colon, lung, prostate, pancreas and Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma patients. And, as Kalas will attest, Karmanos provides excellent patient treatment and better outcomes.

"The doctors, nurses and staff at Karmanos are amazing and truly practicing for the right reasons—not just a paycheck," Kalas says. "When people tell me they have been diagnosed with cancer or ask me about getting a second opinion, I advise them to make an appointment at Karmanos. It's a tremendous resource right in our own backyard."



TOM KALAS



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