

## Survivor Stories: Korey's Story

### I Wish I Had Found Alex and Followed His Advice Earlier

I'd seen quite a few doctors. I tried to find the best doctors I could around the world. I'm willing to go wherever and meet with anybody. The more people the better I always thought. Through all these things Alex didn't disagree with anything. He obviously had a ton more to add. I just thought he was real incredible and a bundle of knowledge. So I liked him pretty much right off the bat and started to--I signed up, went on the program and got him to help me as soon as I found him. I was already starting chemo. I was already scheduled to start chemo. So when I sent him the paperwork so he could redo my biopsies and check in to everything,

By the time I got the results back, I was already on my first dose of chemo. Then he's like, oh, you should do immunotherapy. I don't know. It's a pretty hard thing to switch. Right? So you're talking to all these doctors from all around the world and it's supposed to be the best of the best. They say to do this and then basically a stranger that tells you to do something different. As much as you like them what do you do? So I talked to him. Why don't I do the chemo. I was going to do I think four months of it.

Then we'll see how that all works out. So if it doesn't work out then do the immunotherapy route. He reluctantly agreed. He thought immuno was the better, but understood where I was coming from. We went that route and the chemo was just brutal. I wish I would've started-- basically got the news like a couple of weeks sooner, because then I wouldn't have had to do the chemo would have went right on the immuno. That would've got me on it too when I started in September as it was. I would've gotten it 10 months sooner and I wouldn't have to do the chemo cause that was brutal. So I wish I would've known about them a lot sooner and talked to them three years ago, but that didn't happen.