

Recently Diagnosed with Prostate Cancer? Thinking you might like to travel your own “alternative therapy” options rather than listen to medical professionals who deal with prostate cancer? Please read the following before making what could be the mistake of ‘your LIFE!’

What Steve Jobs' Death Teaches Us All About Our Own Health Care

(My Note: Steve Jobs was co-founder, chairman, and chief executive officer of Apple Inc. and could have afforded the best medical care in the world)

Excerpts from an article written by Leslie Michelson, the chief executive officer of Michelson on Medicine and chairman and chief executive of Private Health Management.

“I have been helping executives navigate the health care system for decades and commonly see this pattern in high achievers—accomplished CEOs, investors, entrepreneurs, physicians, professors, attorneys, research scientists. Unfortunately I often see the pattern do them harm. Jobs, eventually, saw that too, but it was too late. Walter Isaacson’s recently published biography reports that Jobs regretted disregarding medical guidance to have surgery immediately after diagnosis, choosing instead diet, meditation, and other interventions at a “natural healing clinic” he found online.....”

“There is a better way. In my experience supporting hundreds of patients through life-threatening health issues, I’ve found that it’s important for patients to acknowledge first that serious illness produces overwhelming stress that alters their ability to reason. And second, that the medical world operates differently from other professions. “When you’re a hammer, everything looks like a nail” holds true for medical specialists, who tend to advocate for their specialties.”

“First, get an accurate and complete diagnosis. This sounds elementary, but bear in mind that interpreting biopsies and imaging studies can be subjective. Experts make errors. Advanced tests like molecular diagnostics that lead to personalized

treatment for certain cancers are commonplace in major academic centers, but not necessarily in community practices. Ask for them.

Then find specialists with experience in your precise condition. As biomedical knowledge expands, physicians focus more narrowly on mastering a small number of conditions and treatments. It makes sense to find those who deeply understand your case.

After getting an accurate, complete diagnosis and identifying the best specialists, the third, unconventional step patients should strongly consider is a daunting but differentiating one: orchestrating coordinated care among multiple physicians, specialists, and related support, such as nutritionists and psychologists.”

PLEASE read this entire article to recognize the importance of coming to a full understanding of your prostate cancer status. Most particularly, if that status indicates an intermediate to higher grade prostate cancer development, take care not to fall into the “alternative therapies” that Steve Jobs first decided to do rather than learn from experts in prostate cancer treatment, and it was too late when he realized he better pay more attention to, in his case, pancreatic cancer – a level of pancreatic cancer that he very well could have taken care of if he had acted appropriately at diagnosis. Here is “the rest of the story.”

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