



Australian doctor Richard Scolyer defies terminal cancer diagnosis, celebrates one year cancer-free

Description

An Australian Doctor's Remarkable Recovery from Terminal Brain Tumor

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An Australian doctor, Richard Scolyer, was diagnosed with a terminal brain tumor last year, but is now cancer-free thanks to a revolutionary treatment he helped develop.

Scolyer, a professor at the University of Sydney, shared his incredible journey of overcoming stage 4 glioblastoma, a usually incurable form of brain cancer. Despite the challenging prognosis, he recently received news that the tumor has not recurred.

In collaboration with his colleague, Georgina Long, the duo's innovative approach to immunotherapy research at the Melanoma Institute led to groundbreaking results. Their work significantly improved outcomes for melanoma patients, earning them the prestigious title of 2024 NSW Australian of the Year.

Scolyer's personalized treatment plan involved a combination of drugs, including a tailored vaccine specific to his tumor. Despite initial complications, including seizures and pneumonia, his resilience and dedication to his treatment led to remarkable progress.

While Scolyer acknowledges that his battle with brain cancer is ongoing, he remains optimistic about the future, grateful for the precious time he can now spend with his family. Through his experience, he continues to inspire others by openly sharing his medical journey on social media.

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Vocabulary List:

1. **Revolutionary** // (adjective): Involving or causing a complete or dramatic change.
2. **Incurable** // (adjective): Not able to be cured or remedied.
3. **Prognosis** // (noun): A forecast of the likely course of a disease or ailment.
4. **Immunotherapy** // (noun): Treatment that uses certain parts of a person's immune system to fight diseases such as cancer.
5. **Resilience** // (noun): The ability to recover quickly from difficulties.
6. **Inspire** // (verb): To motivate or encourage someone to do something.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which type of cancer affects the colon and rectum?
Option: Breast cancer
Option: Lung cancer
Option: Colorectal cancer
Option: Prostate cancer
2. Which term describes a disease that can be spread from one person to another?
Option: Contagious
Option: Genetic
Option: Chronic
Option: Autoimmune
3. What type of cancer treatment boosts the body's natural defenses to fight cancer?
Option: Surgery
Option: Radiation therapy
Option: Immunotherapy



Option: Chemotherapy

4. Which natural compound is found in cannabis and contributes to its aroma and flavor?

- Option: Steroid
- Option: Terpene
- Option: Antioxidant
- Option: Beta-carotene

5. Which term describes the introduction of new ideas or methods?

- Option: Traditional
- Option: Stagnant
- Option: Conservative
- Option: Innovative

6. Which term refers to an unfounded or exaggerated distrust of others?

- Option: Trust
- Option: Skepticism
- Option: Paranoia
- Option: Empathy

7. What word describes being the first to develop or use new methods or ideas?

- Option: Conventional
- Option: Pioneering
- Option: Derivative
- Option: Obsolete

8. Which term refers to the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties?

- Option: Vulnerability
- Option: Resilience
- Option: Fragility
- Option: Infirmity

9. Which term means fully aware and attentive?

- Option: Distracted
- Option: Alert
- Option: Nonchalant
- Option: Indifferent

10. What word means to change something radically or fundamentally?



- Option: Maintain
- Option: Revolutionize
- Option: Customize
- Option: Conserve

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. Early _____ of a disease can lead to better treatment outcomes.
12. The _____ impact of human activities on the planet is a growing concern.
13. The scientist made a _____ discovery that changed the field of physics.
14. The invention of the internet was a _____ development in communication technology.
15. Medication can help to _____ pain and discomfort.
16. Campaigns are held to raise _____ about the importance of mental health.
17. The doctor discussed the expected _____ for the patient's recovery.
18. Ignoring a persistent cough can lead to _____ health complications.
19. Some plants have _____ properties that promote healing.
20. It is important to seek medical attention in a _____ manner when symptoms arise.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The long-term to sunlight can increase the risk of skin cancer.
22. Fever cough and fatigue are common of the flu.
23. She became an for animal rights and welfare.
24. The new technology was hailed as a breakthrough in the industry.
25. Despite medical advancements some diseases remain .



26. Chickenpox is a highly disease that spreads easily among children.
27. Her brave story of overcoming adversity continues to others.
28. Some medical treatments involve the use of compounds derived from .
29. The team's research led to a discovery in the field of medicine.
30. Vaccines work by stimulating the production of specific to fight infections.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Colorectal cancer 2. Contagious 3. Immunotherapy 4. Terpene 5. Innovative 6. Paranoia 7. Pioneering 8. Resilience 9. Alert 10. Revolutionize

Gap-Fill: 11. diagnosis 12. environmental 13. groundbreaking 14. revolutionary 15. alleviate 16. awareness 17. prognosis 18. serious 19. therapeutic 20. timely

Matching sentence: 1. exposure 2. symptoms 3. advocate 4. revolutionary 5. incurable 6. contagious 7. inspire 8. cannabis 9. groundbreaking 10. antigens

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