

Garth Callaghan,
living with cancer

“I didn’t have a lot of symptoms at first. Not symptoms that I recognized, anyway. I had a sore back. I wasn’t sleeping well. But I really didn’t attribute those to anything seriously wrong



with me. The next thing I know I was sitting in the doctor’s office and he was showing me a picture of my abdomen with this very large growth in it and I heard the words, “You have cancer.”

I am currently living with stage IV metastatic kidney cancer. I also have prostate cancer. For me, cancer is a chronic condition. It’s a battle that I’ll be fighting for the rest of my life.

Gathering data is really important to me not for how I’m doing today, but how I can do tomorrow. I use information to help frame my reference and to make decisions.

I also know that when somebody looks at my individual data that isn’t probably very meaningful. But when you take a look at all of the data together, then there’s a story. Then there’s meaning. I share my data for my daughter, Emma, and for her kids and your kids.”



Garth is author of the book *Napkin Notes*. See his video online.

Letitia Browne-James,
living with epilepsy

“I was about ten years old when I was formally diagnosed with epilepsy. At first we didn’t know what it was. I went to many doctors throughout my life trying to find answers. It was confusing and frustrating to not find a permanent solution, to not be able to do anything to stop or control it.



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See Letitia’s video online

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