

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM-DAY

In a small room, CHAD sits across from DR. BROWN.

DR. BROWN

I think surgery is the best option. We should get you on the schedule as soon as possible.

CHAD

Soo, no to chemo? Isn't that typically the path for cancer like this?

DOCTOR

Unfortunately, you donated a kidney and one kidney can't safely tolerate chemotherapy.

Chad begins to process this news.

CHAD

So you're telling me I can't do chemo because I donated a kidney?

DR. BROWN

If a patient has two kidneys the body can filter out the chemo, but with only one kidney your body would not have the proper defenses, and the chemotherapy could end up destroying your remaining kidney.

CHAD

Wow. I didn't think anything would shock me as much as the cancer did, but here we are.

DR. BROWN

I know it's not the best news, but we can get the tumor out with surgery. That's my goal, and I am very persistent when it comes to achieving my goals.

CHAD

When you donate a kidney they tell you all the things you can't do or things you can't take like, no more Ibuprofen, keep hydrated even more than before, watch excess protein intake, but I don't recall them ever

saying anything like, oh and by the way, if you get cancer in the future, you won't be able to have chemo to treat it, because it will kill your one good kidney.

(pauses)

Do you really think you can get it all with surgery?

DR. BROWN

It's a surgery I'm very familiar with and am confident we can get it all. This doesn't change the fact that you saved a life with that kidney. Now, we're gonna take care of you.