

March 20, 2022

Dear Praying Family and Friends,

A quick update and a couple of specific prayer requests:

- I enter William P. Clements Hospital in Dallas sometime [Sunday afternoon \(today, March 20\)](#). The clinical trial [begins Monday, March 21](#).
- The drug is being used in humans for the first time in this trial. After the initial 8-hour infusion, I will be observed for the next three or four days for adverse side effects. I should be discharged late [Wednesday](#) or [Thursday morning](#).
- My dermatologist found a squamous cell carcinoma on my scalp. It's scheduled to be surgically removed on [Thursday](#), unless the clinical trial bumps it to a later date.

A PROBLEM TO PRAY ABOUT

Ideally the infusion would be through a mediport - an under-the-skin port placed below my collar bone under mild sedation. However, there are no "slots" for this surgery due to a backup they blame on COVID.

Plan B - which will be attempted [Sunday](#) or [Monday](#) - is a PICC line. I had one of these through the "Summer of Chemo" last year. However, placing the PICC line may not be possible if the veins in my right axillary region (under my armpit) the superior vena cava through which the PICC line must pass.

Plan C - (if the PICC line fails to work) is to proceed with an infusion through a direct venipuncture. This will work, but there are many injections and infusions and blood draws during the several-months long trial, so a PICC line or mediport is preferable.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE THINGS:

1. That the PICC line would be placed and working correctly. Otherwise, pray that the 8-hour infusion via venipuncture would be successful.
2. That mediport placement could be done without a 70 mile trip through Dallas rush hour traffic. At present, the only option offered to me is an [April 1, 8:00 AM](#) surgery with check in time at [6:00 AM](#) - all this 70 miles away, north of Dallas in Frisco. I'd need to depart Waxahachie by [4:30 AM](#) to be sure to get there on time.

I'll send another update on the first infusion when I'm discharged from the hospital. I'm at the bleeding edge of immunotherapy research this week. What an adventure!

Barbara, along with me, send you our heartiest thanks for your prayers for us.

Fr. Bill Mouser