

From the desk of

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Dear Friends and Colleagues:

There are no words to describe how much I appreciate the thoughts and prayers and numerous cards I have received from friends, colleagues, and clients in our community. As you know, I have been diagnosed with leukemia and I have spent a total of 60 inpatient days at Roswell Park hospital. First, Roswell is everything they say they are. The supportive and professional care that I have been afforded is unbelievable. Debbie and I have been given the best of the best treatment that we could have ever expected under these difficult circumstances. We feel very comfortable at Roswell and we intend to continue to aggressively follow their treatment plan with the hope that we will get a remission and perhaps a cure.

As to the current status of my treatment, I was first given two different courses of chemotherapy, which unfortunately were not successful. I was then given the option of a treatment called CAR-T cell therapy, which involves my T cells (white blood cells) being taken from my body and transferred to a clinic in Santa Monica, California, to be reproduced as new clean T cells that would fight the blast cells (cancerous T cells). As of the last bone biopsy report, the CAR-T cell therapy is working. My new T cells have started to fight back, and both my red and white cell counts are increasing. The doctors noted that this is not an event, it's a process, and the healthy T cells will hopefully continue to multiply and take over the bad cells over time. There's no specific date certain for the end of that process. As to the potential for a bone marrow transplant, that's still in the works but there's no definite date at this time. They want to see how the CAR-T cell process proceeds and then they will make adjustments in treatment if necessary. If a full remission is not achieved, in that case, they would still then consider doing a bone marrow transplant.

With the unflinching support of my family, especially Debbie's day-to-day management of my condition, my children's and grandchildren's love and support, the strength and loyalty of my partners and the staff at Fessenden Laumer & DeAngelo, and most importantly your prayers and thoughts of support as personal friends and colleagues, I think I can get through this. My full intention is to continue to work, as I have while I was inpatient at Roswell, which I'm sure comes as no surprise to many.

Very truly yours,



Charles S. DeAngelo