

# Evolution 2.0 Newsletter

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## We Spent \$2 Million and Tried Everything Part 1

What follows is the story of Joseph Riggio, a consultant I've known for some time. His wife managed cancer successfully for many years. Joe and Nancy elected to pursue alternative treatments 95% to 97% outside of the standard system.

Here, Joe tells their story in great detail. Absolutely fascinating with relevant data points. We start at the point where they first discovered Nancy had cancer.

**Joe:** Nancy found a lump on the inside thigh of her right leg. She said, "I gotta find out what this is." I drove her down to see a doctor in New Jersey. He said it felt like a fatty tumor.

"All your stats are great and your blood work is good. There's no indication there's anything going on here. Let's take it out."

He does the surgery and the biopsy shows non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a large cell lymphoma. And the problem was when he thought he was taking out a fatty tumor and didn't go very deep. Nancy decides she's got to get this thing really taken care of by somebody who's good, especially since now it's been cut into.

At the time, one of the top physicians working on non-Hodgkin's lymphoma was a guy named Dr. McDonald. She wound up working with him. He did the next surgery and she sought some radiotherapy after that.



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In 1994 Dr. McDonald told her she had about 10 years, because the kind of cancer she had had no cure rate. The people with the best prognosis only live about 10 years. So we were thinking by 2004 it would be over. “She has 10 years, what can we do with it?”

And Nancy, I have to tell you, was one of the most remarkable people I've ever met in terms of facing an illness like that. She had a special compartment somewhere in her head that she kept the information about her illness and lived her life. And we went out and had fun. We did lots and lots and lots of things.

Fast forward to 1999, we got married. We had a child in December of 1999. And Nancy at this point had been cancer-free for the last five years.

And that's where the story begins. Because around 2001 the Cancer reappears with an aggressiveness in the lymph node in her arm.

She went to another doctor in Connecticut, a naturopath, because she did not want to go back and do chemotherapy. She refused. She had nausea phobia to begin with, and she had seen people around her doing chemotherapy and getting a year or two of miserable life quality.

Not interested in that.

They've told her it's incurable. You can't cure this particular non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. So she's gonna do everything else she can. She's trying to eat healthy. She's trying to exercise regularly. She's reading every book there is on alternative methods.

The naturopath says, “One of the things that can work is a carrot poultice. You take carrots including their leaves, you put them in a blender and you place the poultice on the growth. It can make a difference. We also know that typhoid vaccine tends to have a positive effect on this particular type of tumor.

So we do both, and the lump on her neck disappears.

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**Perry:** I have heard several different versions of this treatment with various materials and ingredients. This is real, not just some kooky thing.

**Joe:** It disappeared. There was no evidence of that tumor anymore in her neck. By the way, that was in 2003. She passed in 2012. So in nine years that tumor never returned. We never saw a lump ever again.

So she's now fine for about another year without any major indications. And that's when we start seeing this other lump that starts getting aggressive. It's growing. Eventually it was the size of a grapefruit embedded under her arm with half of it on the outside and half on the inside. It was in the lymph node, so it's lymphoma, number one; and number two, it's probably at this point, moving through the system in some way that's undiagnosable. But this tumor is significant that she's dealing with and significant over nine years.

So it wasn't immediate, but we began exploring different paths. All of the dietary paths. There are people who recommend that you eat various forms of fermented milk, from yogurt to kefir...there are all kinds of things you can do with linseed oil and flaxseed, to supposedly clear the system.

Everything she did had some degree of positive effect at the beginning. And then the cancer would rebound, sometimes it would come back to where it had been at a plateau, and sometimes it would come back more aggressively. So none of the alternative treatments really dealt with it entirely. But they did two things:

They definitely relieved the immediate symptoms; and also increased her energy and sense of well-being. Now, how much of that was due to the alternative treatments, I can't tell you; but clearly the tumor would shrink. You could see it was having an effect on her body at some level in some way.

So she begins doing everything on her own. And I mean *everything*. I don't know if you know what a Rife machine is, but it's a machine that pulses small electric doses into your body, usually around the tumor. The machine calibrates based upon the kind of cancer you have and the reading it takes to send minor electrical pulses into your body.

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The guy who designed it was an electrical engineer, and his wife had cancer. He designed this for her after studying the cancer. And she survived. He began working with patients who had cancer who had no hope of diagnosis. Terminal conditions, Stage Four stuff, and he was getting results.

The US government came in, seized his laboratory, seized all of his equipment, seized all of his notes and put them out of business. Threatened him that this was his one Get Out of Jail Free card and he wasn't getting any more.

People came after him, trying to figure out what was going on and how he was getting results, but he refused to talk. He wouldn't give anybody information. But people sort of reverse engineered his machines. So now there are Rife machines you can buy online from a couple hundred dollars to tens of thousands of dollars.

Again, we saw short term results. Tumors stopped growing, began to reverse in size, and her energy level went up.

The commitment that she had to this was enormous. You have to put your feet on wet pads. You have to sit there for anywhere from an hour to two or three hours. let the machine do its calibrating. She would do this every day. When she did something, she had enormous commitment to it.

We wound up going to another naturopath in New Jersey. High colonics, IV chelation... on and on and on. We bought rare earth magnets that weigh 400 pounds each! Four of them collectively were the size of a twin bed. And you're supposed to sleep on these things and not get up for any reason other than to use the toilet until the cancer goes away.

She was not doing that. But she would sleep on them at night. She'd have to keep close to the magnet, only a comforter between her and the plywood. That one was probably the least effective thing we did.

Around 2009, she went to a guy in Georgia who was using internal enzyme treatment. Very high levels of enzymes combined with blood work to dissolve the tumor. Again, the tumor definitely got dissolved from the outside until they hit a

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vein or an artery! She was losing blood out of a small artery. It was not a big deal but we had to call EMS. They came out and dealt with it, blood all over the bathroom. I had to clean up. My daughter was a little freaked out because she was now five or six years old at this point, maybe seven.

So that was down in Georgia. Now we're back up in New Jersey, and she goes to a legitimate doctor, meaning an MD who is certified by the AMA and has all the right credentials. He's a cancer specialist who had worked with the National Cancer Institute for five or six years.

He starts out by absolutely admonishing her. He was outraged that she had done these crazy things.

We say, "Great, what can you do?"

He says, "This is incurable. She can't do anything." But he still wanted to give her grief for doing what she'd done!

**Perry:** At that point she had outlived the original diagnosis by the top cancer specialists in the world?

**Joe:** Yes, and mostly with a high quality of life. We didn't call all her friends. She didn't tell her family. She did not want to be treated like a cancer victim. That was her big thing. She knew what would happen. She'd watched her mother go through it.

She did not want all that. Maintaining a positive mental state was high on her list. She didn't want people to talk to her about cancer, ask "How are you doing?" "What's going on?" "What's the treatment you're in right now?" She knew that would be incredibly overwhelming like a wet blanket on her every time the conversation came up.

So she and I would talk about it mostly in terms of options about what to do. If she had a bad day, I would step in and help out so she didn't have to deal with life at that moment. But 99% of the time she was in a great state.

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**We didn't miss any family parties or any events in our life.**

She was taking care of Michaela, our daughter. She was working with me at the time, running our office and maintaining everything. And we were traveling like wild because I was doing international business. We went to China. We went to Japan. We went to Europe many, many times. South America. All over the United States.

So, as much as is conceivable to imagine, it simply did not interfere with our life. We just contained it and held it and she dealt with it in an ongoing way. Her mental state was tremendous. She was unique as I say. What I didn't know until later was her pain tolerance was also off the charts. So I never knew exactly how much pain she was in.

So, this MD gives her progesterone and a steroid treatment. And again the tumor disappears. He tells her that it is temporary. It will work and maybe even 90% of the cells will respond well to it. But those 10% of the cells that are left will recover. They will grow and they will be more aggressive. So you're buying a window of time.

There's no external evidence of it at this point. We know he's told us this is temporary, and we're waiting for it to come back. We were not on eggshells, but pretty much accepting his diagnosis that this was not going to be a permanent solution. And he's trying to encourage her to do "real" chemotherapy and radiotherapy. But she's just not doing not going to do it.

So in 2009 the tumor came back and it was aggressive....

***To be continued***

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## What to Do Next

- CONTRIBUTE to Science Research:  
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<https://reversingcancer.org/donation-fundraising-letter>  
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- WE ARE HIRING! Please introduce us to a fundraising professional who is looking for an opportunity. Contact our CEO Jon Correll at [support@reversingcancer.org](mailto:support@reversingcancer.org).

## We Need Your Helping Hands

Evolution 2.0 is me, CEO Jon Correll, Mary McEvoy and a few other precious volunteers to contribute hours here and there. **We can really use your hands-on assistance.**

Another thing you can do to help is fund our virus research. I know of no one who is bringing a full-fledged “Evolution 2.0” viewpoint on virus evolution. It’s 501c3 not for profit, so you can go to [evo2.org](http://evo2.org) and make a tax-deductible donation.

*Volunteers needed...*

- **Administration and project management**
- Finances
- Scientific papers, research, and projects
- Film (documentary screenwriters, editors)
- **All forms of marketing ad copywriting, buying Google, YouTube and Facebook traffic, writing blog posts, shooting videos, podcasts, publicity angles, news media**

Email [evolution@evo2.org](mailto:evolution@evo2.org) and let us know what your skills are and how you might like to help.

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## 5 Rules for Funding Cancer Research that May Find a Cure

The following are the 5 “80/20s” of Science Research 2.0. Our criteria for what we fund. Each eliminates 90% of suitors and multiplies our odds of success by 10X. This is why we believe we can achieve more in ten years than the government has achieved in 50, with far less money. **If you want to help win the war on cancer, this is where your money should go. Not to the IRS.**

How we invest your money	How the government wastes your money
<p><b>No Drugs.</b> We don't fund Big Pharma drugs; a drug will never cure cancer because drugs are <i>dead</i> and cancer is <i>alive</i>. Drugs play a role, but will never be THE key that unlocks cancer.</p>	<p><b>Addicted to Drugs.</b> The government and Big Pharma are in bed and locked into a drug development → regulation → drug funding cycle that is self-reinforcing and locks out unfamiliar ideas.</p>
<p><b>The Enemy is SMART.</b> Evolution 2.0 is the smart cell. Life is purposeful, cancer is intentional, and maybe even self-aware. The whole is greater than the sum of its parts, so the key is discovering what defines the whole.</p>	<p><b>The Enemy is Dumb.</b> Evolution 1.0: Nature is blind and purposeless, “monkeys with typewriters” with natural selection and blind pitiless indifference. It's “only” chemicals. Everything reduces to its component parts.</p>
<p><b>Does it WORK?</b> Gold standard is <u>engineering</u>: Can you build it and does it work? The legendary scientist Richard Feynman said, “That which I cannot build, I do not understand.” Action, not analysis.</p>	<p><b>Do other scientists approve?</b> Gold standard is <u>peer review</u>: Do other scientists (who are competing for the same dollars) like it and approve of it? Studies show that 70% of science research is not even reproducible.</p>
<p><b>Challenges the SYSTEM.</b> ALL professions are run by “good ol' boys clubs” and become blind to their own assumptions. We believe in threatening the status quo, questioning assumptions and killing sacred cows.</p>	<p><b>Preserves the status quo.</b> I have consulted in 300 industries. No profession is more hobbled by peer pressure, cliques and political correctness than science. Scientists spend 40% of their time lobbying for government grants. It's impossible to get anything done.</p>
<p><b>Skin In The Game.</b> We fund researchers, scientists and doctors who have risked careers, reputations and personal resources to sustain projects they believe in.</p>	<p><b>The Buck Stops Nowhere.</b> Bureaucrats are shielded from all personal risk. The purpose of bureaucracy is not to accomplish anything, but to obstruct accomplishment by anyone else.</p>

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