Preventing cancer with the HPV vaccine

“So others don’t have to go through what I went through”

Linda M. Ryan
I’m legally bound to tell you I do not know I got HPV
Recurrent cervix cancer

• Taxol & Carboplatin – 15% response rate
  – 3x week, every 3 weeks

• Topotecan & Cisplatin – 15% response rate
  – 1x week, every 3 weeks

• Clinical trial – Cisplatin & Alimta – 30% response rate
  – 1x week, every 3 weeks
Clinical Trial GOG 0076

• 31% response rate
  – 54 women on the trial
  – 31% = 17 women who responded
  – 16 of those women had a partial response
  – 1 had a complete response. I am that one.
Parenting

• Matthew 13, Ethan 9

• Gave up most of my parenting responsibilities
  – Sports
  – School
  – Christmas
ME STRONG®

• 501c3 charitable organization

• Mission: To support the friends, family, and individual battling cancer through the power of friendship.

• Financially assist people within the community diagnosed with cancer.

• Fund a research grant through the Foundation for Women’s Cancer – Society of Gyn Onc (SGO).

• $700,000 given to others in the community since 2012

• Primary fundraiser is Volusia County’s largest 5k
  • February 2, 2019

mestrong.net
May 2016
The day every cancer patient anticipates and dreads

• 28 rounds of daily radiation/weekly chemotherapy – reaction after 3 rounds

• Once again NED
  – Mutations identified which is good news for future treatment if necessary

• Telling my boys and parents was the worst thing I’ve had to do, including cancer treatment.
April 2018
Again with this mom, really??

• Pain around right ovary
  – PET scan scheduled for October 2018
• Two lymph nodes
• Traditional chemo – carboplatin/taxol and add Avastin
• Trial
  – Immunotherapy (tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes)
  – My hope is that this not only eliminates the cancer but is an army that stays in place if the cancer wants to return......again.
This is my life.

This is another chapter in my life.

This is not the period at the end of my story.