



## CARE Team

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Client:	Fred Lesham
Animal Patient:	Russell
Referring Veterinarian:	Dr. John Besohm, Animal Friend Veterinarians
Examining Veterinary Oncologist:	Dr. Stephanie Correa, DVM, DACVIM (Oncology)

## Observations & History

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Russell is a 10-year-old male, neutered Golden Retriever that presents for oncology consultation for a recently excised mast cell tumor. The mass had been present for about 1 month prior to being removed. Russell had some complications post-op regarding the healing of his incision. His incision is currently healed, and he is doing well at home.

### Existing Medications

None

### Prior Procedures/Tests/Images

08/20/20 - CBC/Chemistry: No significant findings

08/20/20 - Cutaneous mass removal from left lateral thigh (7 cm x 5.5 cm)

08/20/20 - Biopsy of mass: Mast Cell Tumor, Low Grade 2, mitotic count 2/10 HPF, narrow margins

## Expert Diagnosis

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***Mast Cell Tumor, Grade 2, narrow excision from left lateral/caudal thigh***

### Diagnostic Procedures & Lab Services

10/26/20 - CBC: No elevation of white blood cell count or evidence of anemia.

10/26/20 - Biochemical Profile: No metabolic abnormalities.

10/26/20 - Abdominal Ultrasound: Normal liver, spleen and abdominal lymph nodes; no evidence of abdominal spread.

10/26/20 - Thoracic Radiograph: Normal lung fields and thoracic lymph nodes; no evidence of cancer spread.

10/26/20 - Lymph Node Tests: No evidence of cancer spread.

## Treatment Options

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- Treatment:** Radiation Therapy - Conventional  
**Description:** Uses single radiation beam to destroy cancer cells with daily treatments typically administered over multiple weeks.  
**Prognosis:** Estimated 85% chance of cure.  
**Schedule:** 16-18 treatments M-F over 3-4 wks.; 1 hr. visits; Fort Lauderdale Hospital.  
**Estimated Total Cost:** \$6,000 - \$6,500. See attached.
- Treatment:** Chemical Therapy  
**Description:** Systemic, non-targeted drug treatment to induce remission or slow cancer recurrence and/or spread.  
**Prognosis:** Estimated 50% chance of at least 2 yr. remission.  
**Schedule:** 8 treatments over 12 wks. (1/wk. for 2 wks., 1 wk. off, repeat cycle three more times); 1 hr. visits; any ACCC location.  
**Estimated Total Cost:** \$3,200 - \$3,800. See attached.



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## Treatment Comparison & Informed Decision

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Your Veterinary Oncologist has spent time with you today to discuss your options and answer your questions.

We have discussed today that Grade 2 Mast Cell Tumors with narrow surgical margins carry a higher chance for local disease recurrence. We have discussed that radiation therapy treatment carries the best long term prognosis with a low chance of recurrence when administered post-operatively. Radiation treatments are scheduled over several weeks so low fractions can be administered at each treatment preventing late term radiation toxicity.

We have also discussed the option of chemotherapy to control local disease and prevent systemic metastasis. This treatment is well tolerated by the majority of our patients.

We will send a detailed summary of your pet's visit to your primary care veterinarian so that all members of your CARE Team are kept fully informed. If you or your veterinarian have any further questions, please feel free to call us.

For additional information about ACCC, our *Optimal OUTCOMES Care Guide™*, treatments, doctors, and culture of HOPE, CARE and Optimal OUTCOMES™, please visit our website at [AnimalCancerCareClinic.com](http://AnimalCancerCareClinic.com).

## Care Plan

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Russell's family will choose between Treatment Option 1 and 2, and then contact us to specify and pursue the *Care Plan*.