

## **“CANCER IS NO LONGER DEATH PENALTY TO PATIENT”**

It is the conclusion of Ms. Ly Ngoc Lien, born in 1956, living at Phu Nhuan District, HCMC, after three years having her cancer successfully treated. Like most of other cancer patients, Ms. Ngoc Lien used to feel very worried, panic and even hopeless once being diagnosed with stomach cancer. However, with the great internal hope and spirit and the dedicated treatment from the doctors, she wins her cancer and well recovers.

### **FINDING HOPE AT THE END OF TUNNEL**

Ms. Ngoc Lien recalled “In the year 2008, I suffered from several symptoms, such as indigestion, swallowing difficulties and regular choking. I decided to go the hospital to have stomach screening endoscopy. The result showed that there were tumours in my stomach and the doctors there recommended that I should undergo surgery immediately”.

Ms. Lien agreed to go on with the surgery. However, once realizing that the tumours had been spread too much, they decided to suture immediately the surgery incision and stopped the surgery. All the hopes of Ms. Lien seemed go to dash when the hospital refused to continue the treatment.

Luckily, she accidentally was introduced by an acquaintance to Hy vong Cancer Care Centre of FV Hospital. This was really like a buoy in a storm for her and she immediately visited Hy Vong and received treatment directly from Dr. Tran Thi Phuong Thao. After four weeks experiencing a range of test, she was prescribed chemotherapy treatment to stabilize the tumours before going on with surgery. After the surgery, her treatment continued with three chemotherapy sections. Her health conditions became stable after the treatments. So far, she had two PET tests and the results were very good, no metastasis or recurrence was found.

“Now, my health is very good. I have not to take any medicines but have follow-up visit every 6 months. After hospital discharge, I had gone to Australia and China to enjoy vacations as suggested by my two children to enjoy my life that I had taken back from the Death. Thanks Hy Vong Cancer Care Centre for helping me and my family overcoming the hardest days fighting against cancer”, Ms. Ngoc Lien was moved to share.

### **SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT THANKS TO THE INTERNATIONAL PROTOCOL**

Dr. Phuong Thao commented on the case of Ms. Lien’s stomach cancer that: “Once coming Hy Vong for treatment, the antropyloric lesions of Ms. Lien have spread to the top beginning of her small intestine (duodenum) and the part connecting the stomach with the duodenum. To help patient remove the tumours, we have applied the international treatment protocol that combines the surgery with chemotherapy. This treatment protocol is developed at the consultation meeting held between the oncologists and the specialists from the Gastro-enterology & Hepatology Department, which is most customized to the specific health conditions of the patient and bring the best treatment results”.

In addition to the utilization of the international treatment protocol, the expertise of Hy Vong Cancer Care Centre also includes the team of oncologists who are professionally trained in French and rich experiences in stomach cancer treatment. The dose of drug used in chemotherapy as well as the volume and position for radiation are exactly calculated to help effectively kill the cancerous cells, limit the metastasis and protect the healthy surrounding tissues. The latest surgery techniques are always applied to remove the tumours, reduce pain and shorten the recovery period. Moreover, with the support of pain management specialists, nutritionist, psychologist, the patients are expected to experience a cancer treatment process which is easier and more comfortable at Hy Vong Cancer Care Centre.

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### **Cancer treatment with the leading specialist from the USA**

Only in two days, **14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October 2011**, Dr. Steven Tucker, an American specialist with a lot of experiences in chemotherapy, will directly provide consultation and examination to cancer patients at Hy Vong Cancer Care Centre of FV Hospital.

To be one of the leading doctors in USA and now working in Singapore, Dr. Tucker is specialized in treatment to many cancers, from breast cancer, large intestine cancer, gynaecological cancer, stomach cancer, intestine cancer, lung cancer to prostate cancer. Recognized as “chemotherapy magician”, Dr. Tucker always recommends the combined and specific tumour treatment plan which is customized to each individual patient and helps patient to reduce treatment costs, minimize the side effects and improve the treatment efficiency.

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