Tom: It was Thanksgiving Eve. I was having trouble passing air. We went to the emergency room, and I was diagnosed with cancer. Next thing I knew I was getting chemo the next day on Thanksgiving and was referred out to Dr. Tuscano at UC Davis.

Dr. Joseph Tuscano: Tom was really just setting out on his life adventure and was stricken by this very aggressive malignancy, this mediastinal lymphoma.

Tom: Started many different chemo regimens, and just nothing was working. Everything was getting worse.

Dr. Joseph Tuscano: Those patients that have this refractory type of lymphoma are facing certain rapid death. We enrolled him on the clinical trial. The study is aimed to reactivate the immune system of the patients and redirect it to the side of the tumor.

Crystal Mugno: If it wasn't for the federal funding of this trial, you wouldn't have had an option. I'm forever grateful.