



Ask the Expert: Does CLL Return More Aggressively After Relapse?

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Andrew Schorr:

Hello and welcome to our Ask the Expert program on Patient Power and thank you for sending your questions into CLL at patientpower.info. I have with me Dr. Michael Keating from MD Anderson, a world-renowned CLL specialist, my doctor as well, and here are some of your questions. Dr. Keating, we got this one, I" would like to know if CLL returns more aggressively after relapse than it was initially?"

Dr. Keating:

It tends to come back more aggressively in that if you look at how long it takes for white cell count to double, it's a shorter doubling time when the disease relapses in most circumstances. Some patients actually it comes back in a very, very indolent fashion, so a period of observation, six months or so, will usually clarify whether it's more aggressive or less aggressive.

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