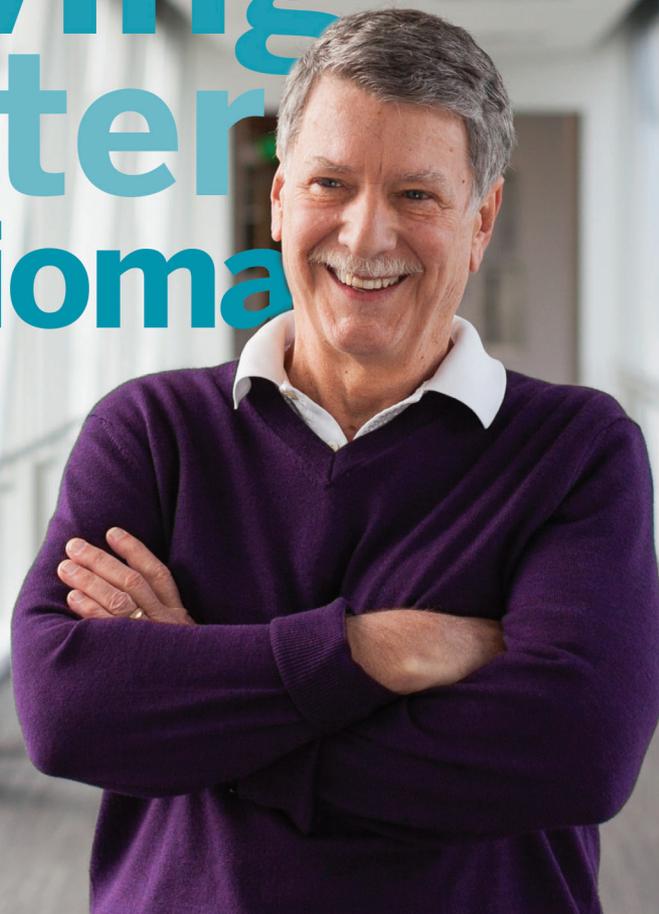


Thriving after Meningioma

PAUL R.

Happily Married, Looking Forward
to the Next Chapters of Life



Gamma Knife® Radiosurgery Puts Paul at 98% of His Pre-Surgery Self.

"I pretty much never have a headache. So when they became frequent, this was new to me."

Paul felt pain in the crown of his head. Soon after the headaches would occur, he noticed that maintaining his balance was compromised. He felt a loss of depth perception. Reaching for a faucet, his left hand would be about a half inch off.

On a fishing trip, he suffered a seizure. He went to see his internist who directed him to get a CT Scan and an MRI that showed a growth in his brain. It was identified as a Meningioma tumor that was the size of a golf ball. Paul's doctors determined that traditional surgery would be the first form of treatment. Surgery took care of much of the tumor. However, due to the location in his brain, a portion of

the benign tumor was inoperable and would require periodic scans to evaluate his progress.

With the help of seizure medication, he resumed normal activities. However, the following Christmas, he had another seizure and was hospitalized. Paul's doctors altered his meds. Unfortunately, this did not work. In addition to balance issues, Paul's wife, Judy, noticed that his short-term memory was affected.

Looking at treatment options, it was decided that Paul was a prime candidate for Gamma Knife radiosurgery. Paul and Judy learned that Gamma Knife was a non-invasive, non-surgical procedure that could be performed in a single, one day session. It would target what remained of his tumor and treat it with individual low-level beams of radiation

that would converge on the target without affecting surrounding healthy tissue.

Judy had a bit of trepidation about the procedure. However, it was a much easier experience than either she or Paul expected. "It was as easy as having an MRI but without the noise. The day of surgery, I got fitted with a lightweight frame, was treated with Gamma Knife and I went home. It was as simple as that!"

Today, Paul is feeling extremely optimistic and looking forward to the future with Judy. It has been 4 months since treatment with Gamma Knife and says he is already at 98% of where he was before his first headache. And for this Washington State retiree, it's a pretty good place to be.



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