

I'm a long-time, Maryland resident and former Group President of Discovery Channel and TLC cable networks.

Like millions of women, I thought the annual G-Y-N exam was able take care of any and all gynecologic concerns—BUT as you heard, not everything has a screening test.

AND, THREE YEARS AGO, I didn't know anyone with ovarian cancer –

UNTIL,.....my wife was diagnosed

- IT'S BEEN AN INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT TIME FOR MY WIFE. THIS IS A HORRIBLE DISEASE WHICH REQUIRES SIGNIFICANT SURGERIES AND CHEMO TO EXTEND A QUALITY OF LIFE WORTH LIVING.
- I WAS TOLD OVARIAN CANCER DOESN'T JUST HAPPEN TO THE WOMAN -IT HAPPENS TO THE FAMILY –MY WIFE, OUR SON AND I

WOULD NOT WISH THIS DISEASE ON ANYONE.

- During my wife's first year of treatment I learned:
- Most women are diagnosed with ADVANCED disease BECAUSE
- THERE IS NO SCREENING
- AND more devastating, THERE IS NO CURE

SO when I heard you could PREVENT this brutal disease with a minor procedure – I SAID, SIGN ME UP!

- I learned about salpingectomy and equally important – learned how to pronounce it!

My path to a salpingectomy included :

- Genetic testing – which revealed I had a higher risk of getting ovarian cancer, making getting a salpingectomy a no brainer.
- Here's the REAL kicker - Post – surgical pathology revealed a pre cancerous lesion in my left fallopian tube. I was a ticking time bomb for ovarian cancer.
- Think about that – if I had not had a salpingectomy, there was the enormous chance I would have ovarian cancer by the time I turned 65.

EVERY WOMAN IN MARYLAND DESERVES THE RIGHT TO PREVENT THIS DISEASE FOR HERSELF AND PROTECT THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES from the PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL and FINANCIAL COSTS it inflicts .

Salpingectomy saved MY life – please help save others.

Thank you!

