



Photo caption: Tommy Wills is a retired coal miner

Early Detection Saved His Life

My primary care doctor wanted to update my medical history with blood work, X-rays and CT scans.

The CT scan found a nodule on my left lung. So, I was referred to CAMC Thoracic and Esophageal Surgery where the thoracic surgeon used advanced robotic bronchoscopy to navigate through my throat and into the outer areas of my lung to find the suspicious nodule.

He removed a sample and sent it to pathology for testing. Within a few minutes, while I was still under anesthesia, the results came back showing it was cancer.

They rolled me over and performed lung sparing surgery with the assistance of another robot. It was all done on the same day: sampling, testing and the surgery.

I'm glad they found it so early.