Cancer is one of the most frightful diseases when patients first learn of their diagnosis. Cancer patients are subjected to some of the greatest challenges. Here are some sobering statistics from cancer.org:

1. Chemotherapy doesn’t cure 67 percent of patients despite 26 billion dollars spent on research each year.

2. Chemotherapy is only increasing the 5 year survival of cancer by an additional 2 percent.

3. Chemotherapy costs over $100,000 a year, and often chemotherapy can impose a severe financial burden for patients.

4. There are few new cancer drugs that get approved because the failure rate in drug development is 95 percent and developing and approving one new cancer drug costs over 1.5 billion dollars and takes over 12 years.

5. Cancer diagnostic tests have severe shortcomings because they do not predict which chemotherapy is effectively going to treat a patient’s cancer.

When doctors recommend chemotherapy, patients raise the following fears and questions:

1. Is chemotherapy going to cure my cancer or at least extend my life?

2. How much more time will I have if I receive chemotherapy?

3. What will my quality of life be on chemotherapy?

4. Will chemotherapy destroy me and my family financially?

Patients and their family and friends have observed these challenges and wonder why is it so hard to cure and effectively treat so many cancers. In the following weeks, the Institute will provide a series of newsletters explaining in simple terms what are the major challenges and explain how JP2MRI is conducting research to find better therapies and hopefully a cure for cancer.

About JP2MRI:

JP2MRI is a pro-life non-profit, founded in 2006. We specialize in using adult stem cells to find cures for incurable diseases such as cancer, Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, ALS, and more. We believe all research should uphold the dignity of all human life. You can learn more at jp2mri.org.