

Meet Rob

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PATIENT PARTNER PROFILE



Rob interviewing Red Sox player Andrew Benintendi



Rob with his wife, Kaitlin, and daughters, Alana, 6, and Sydney, 2

I am a 38-year-old married father of two young girls, Alana, age 6 and Sydney, age 2. My wife, Kaitlin, and I were married in July 2010. We live in Melrose, Massachusetts, and I work in Boston. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, running, and weight training.

A few of my favorite family activities include making pancakes, cooking home-made pizza, playing at the park, enjoying family game night, coaching my daughter's sports teams, camping, riding bikes, going to the beach, and vacationing on Martha's Vineyard.

Two short months before my diagnosis we welcomed our second daughter, Sydney, into our family and our lives seemed so rich and blessed. This happiness was eclipsed not long after Sydney's arrival, when during my annual physical examination, my primary care physician, discovered a lump on the right side of my neck. I had shown no signs or symptoms of any illness. I was able to schedule an appointment very shortly thereafter with Dr. Donald Annino, Jr. at Dana-Farber. The next few weeks were an uncertain, blurred, emotional whirlwind of appointments, tests, and ultimately on July 12, 2017, a diagnosis of stage IV head and neck squamous cell carcinoma. I underwent surgery and radiation therapy under the direction of Dr. Jonathan Schoenfeld, and finished treatment that November.

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