

Lanny Hall to begin chemotherapy for lymphoma

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HOUSTON—Lanny Hall, past president of three Texas Baptist universities, has been diagnosed with lymphoma and will begin chemotherapy at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston on Jan. 22.

In a Jan. 15 [Facebook post](#), Hall announced that over the previous six weeks, he and his wife Carol had “been on a new, unexpected journey.”

 Lanny Hall
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Over the last six weeks, Carol and I have been on a new, unexpected journey. Last month, I was diagnosed with lymphoma. I have gone through a series of medical tests in Abilene and at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. Yesterday, we met with our M.D. physician and learned much more about my diagnosis and the treatment regimen I will be following. First, the diagnosis: I have Stage IV Follicular Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. The good news is that it is treatable and, perhaps, curable, depending on how my body responds to the treatment. The bad news, of course, is that this could be life-threatening. I had a PET CT scan and bone marrow biopsy last week which revealed that there are numerous evidences of the cancer in my body, including upon several bones. I have been struggling with back, hip and thigh pain over the last several months. The doctor told me today that chemotherapy should help relieve my pain. While the pain has been very uncomfortable and annoying, it has been manageable.

The treatment: I will begin chemotherapy on January 22 at MDACC as an outpatient. I will have three days of chemo every 2 1/2 weeks for 6-7 months. After the first round or two of treatment at MDACC, I hope to transfer my treatment to Abilene.

I am fortunate to have the excellent care of Dr. Keith Robinson in Abilene and the expert care of M.D. Anderson in Houston.

So that is the report. I ask for prayers as I begin my treatment and prayers for "Nurse Carol" as she cares for me.

As to my spirit, I want everyone to know that I am at peace about all this. My faith is strong and I will rely on God to guide and protect us during each day and every step in this process. Carol and I are blessed to have each other and blessed to have the support of Lanny and all her family and many, many friends to pray for us and support us.



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After a series of medical tests in Abilene and in Houston, the couple met with a physician at M.D. Anderson on Jan. 14 to learn more about the diagnosis and recommended treatment.

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Hall reported back, hip and thigh pain over the past several months, which he described as “very uncomfortable and annoying” but “manageable.”

He will begin treatment Jan. 22 as an outpatient at M.D. Anderson, receiving three days of chemotherapy every two and a half weeks for four and a half months. After one or two rounds of treatment in Houston, Hall noted he hopes to transfer to Abilene for the duration of his chemotherapy regimen.

Prayer requested

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Hall added he is “at peace about all this,” saying his faith is strong and adding he and his family “will rely on God to guide and protect us during each day and every step in this process.”

Hall served more than a quarter-century as a university president at three Baptist General Convention of Texas-affiliated schools—Hardin-Simmons in Abilene, Howard Payne in Brownwood and Wayland Baptist in Plainview.

At HSU, he actually served two terms as president—from 1991 to 2001 and again from 2009 to 2016—along with a stint as HSU chancellor from 2001 to 2003.

Hall served three terms in the Texas House of Representatives, and also worked as a congressional aide, a public school educator, a state agency executive and a university professor.