

Mayo Clinic Minute

Advances in pancreatic cancer treatment extending lives

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	Pancreatic cancer has long been one of the scariest diagnoses a doctor can give you.
00:01:38 DR. MARK TRUTY:	“It’s the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States.”
	Dr. Mark Truty is a cancer surgeon at Mayo Clinic who specializes in this type of tumor.
	He and his team of surgeons and oncologists have discovered that with the right combination of treatments, pancreatic cancer may no longer be a death sentence.
00:03:16 Mark Truty, M.D. General and Gastrointestinal Surgery Mayo Clinic	“They all got chemotherapy up front, followed by radiation therapy and then followed by an operation.”
	He says the more chemotherapy patients got before surgery, the better their outlook for recovery ... and the prognosis is even better if they can kill most or all of the cancer before removing the tumor.
	Dr. Truty says more effective chemotherapies, and willingness to consider more difficult operations, have helped patients in the study live up to five years longer than in the past, and still counting.
00:07:56 DR. MARK TRUTY:	“I think it’s huge. I mean, in our clinic we see a lot of patients who have been told their tumor is inoperable by standard criteria, but those criteria were all based on, you know, the previous technologies and techniques we’ve had. We’ve advanced.”
	For the Mayo Clinic News Network, I’m Ian Roth.

