



A routine screening reveals stage 4 cancer, leads to life-changing transplant

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<i>Anchor intro</i>	A routine screening turned into a life-changing diagnosis for Angela Tripido [TRIP-ee-doh]. After learning she had stage 4 colorectal cancer that had spread to her liver, she faced months of treatment, multiple surgeries and uncertainty about what came next. When the cancer returned, a liver transplant offered a new path forward.
ANGELA TRIPIDO PATIENT Jacksonville, Florida	01:45 "I have lived a super healthy life. You know, always been an athlete, always working out." 03:07 "I ended up having my, what I would just call, 50th screening colonoscopy. The nurse said, 'The doctor will be over in a minute. We're just getting your husband.' I knew immediately that wasn't good." 03:41 "He showed us some pictures that you have stage 4 colorectal cancer."
	Additional imaging showed the cancer had spread to her liver. Near her home in South Florida, Angela began treatment with chemotherapy and a series of surgeries to remove tumors. But the cancer returned.
KRIS CROOME, M.D. TRANSPLANT SURGERY Mayo Clinic	01:07 "They identified some recurrent lesions in the liver ... she was not felt to be resectable because she didn't have adequate liver left."
	That's when Angela turned to Mayo Clinic for another option.
KRISTOPHER CROOME, M.D. TRANSPLANT SURGERY	01:33 "She was an excellent candidate for our liver

Mayo Clinic	transplant. She was otherwise a very young, healthy person, and so we felt that if we were able to do a liver transplant, we would be able to clear her of her disease."
ANGELA TRIPIDO PATIENT Jacksonville, Florida	11:41 "As scary as everything was that was on the plate of what was coming, I want to live, and I want no tumors in me."
	Once Angela's disease was confined to her liver and she completed a comprehensive evaluation, she qualified for transplant and was placed on the waiting list.
<NATS PHONE RING> ANGELA TRIPIDO PATIENT Jacksonville, Florida	16:57 "My phone rang ... 'I'm calling to see if you are interested in a liver that we believe will be a perfect match for you.'"
	After an anxious night with little sleep, transplant day arrived. July 7, 2025. She remembers the final moments with the surgical team before the procedure began.
ANGELA TRIPIDO PATIENT Jacksonville, Florida	25:57 "I always say to the team, right before they put me under, 'Thank you all for taking really good care of me.' And there was this nice gentleman next to me, one of the nurses, and he was like, 'We've got you, don't worry.'"
	The surgery was a success.
ANGELA TRIPIDO PATIENT Jacksonville, Florida	33:18 "What the transplant has given me is a lot more hope for longevity." 35:42 "...not having chemo in me, quality of life."
	Nearly a year after her transplant, Angela is getting back to the life she loves. She and her husband have celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. They're traveling again and raising awareness in the community.
KRISTOPHER CROOME, M.D. TRANSPLANT SURGERY Mayo Clinic	02:38 "We were involved in a charity run locally to promote screening for colon cancer with one of the local health groups, and had the opportunity to run into her." 03:02

	"Just to see her out and about enjoying her life disease-free, I think, really is why we do all this."
	Angela also carries deep gratitude for the organ donor who made it possible.
ANGELA TRIPIDO PATIENT Jacksonville, Florida	36:24 "You can give someone a chance at a longer life and a healthier life. And that's ... that's a miracle." 37:49 "I will be writing that letter and thanking that family, and I hope they know what it's given me."
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