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Hi everyone, last Thursday my GP informed after a sound scan, that I had a 6cm tumour in my bladder. It was bleeding profusely and I was bleeding clots (some of the clots were quite large) every time I urinated. She arranged an appointment with a Urologist for me the next day. The Urologist stated he was very concerned and wanted to arrange surgery to be done asap (the next ten days).

Their concern was that it could soon rupture and cause more severe bleeding that would require emergency surgery, which could result in me losing my bladder. They gave me forms to sign there and then to arrange the surgery to remove the tumour as best they can and if necessary then arrange chemo and radiation therapy if it had penetrated the deep into the wall of the bladder.

This delay in diagnosis and prognosis was my fault but in reality turns out to be a blessing as had I done it a year sooner I would have gone with the surgery but not the chemo and radiation as I had seen enough of the damage and debilitation that form of treatment can do to a person, and then not knowing what to follow it up with.