Diagnosis makes the difference

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BE HEALTH: Barrie family of two survives testicular cancer because he listened to his body

Parkin's head shaved at police headquarters by her good friend, Jodi Hollett.

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"I was experiencing a dull ache in my abdomen and groin. In the course of a few weeks, what I thought was pain caused by stress was diagnosed as cancer," said Brad, 36. "That's when I went into panic mode. I couldn't eat. It couldn't sleep. I thought I'd lost too much blood. I didn't want to check and now it was too late."

The cancer 'caused' so many negative thoughts to change in Brad's head. "I thought it was going to be the end. I thought my male patients to be aware of themselves, like Superman. I always tell those guys: 'Just do it. Your health is something you don't want to fool around with.'"

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