

## **REBLOZYL Dave Video Transcript**

### **Dave VO:**

When my wife and I started making the decision about the next chapter in our lives, we wanted a piece of property that had pine trees on it, big trees, open spaces.

### **Dave VO:**

Hi. My name is Dave, and I live out in East Texas, and I have been diagnosed with MDS-related anemia.

### **Dave VO:**

We sort of have our own little Eden out here. There was a lot of physical activity clearing the property, and in the initial stages of that clearing, I had the all the energy that I've always had.

### **Dave VO:**

We had built a workshop for both myself and Diana to be creative, and it's really turned into a respite. I work on very, you know, simple projects. I build tables out in the wood shop. I turn bowls. It's one of those outlets that allows me to always engage my brain every day.

### **Dave VO:**

As year one went by, year two went by, I began to notice that the amount of physical work that I could put in, it was just a gradual scale down. Even though I was a year older, it seemed like my physical capabilities reduced a little bit quicker than I expected. Something else might be taking place.

### **Dave VO:**

My primary care physician recognized that there was some slight anomalies in my annual blood work. She wasn't that concerned about it. She just sort of like, Dave, you're on a watch list. We're just going to watch it for a period of time. I just kind of went on with my life and doing my regular old thing, daily activities.

**Dave VO:**

The next red flag is in our office. We had blood drives, and when I had my blood tested, the nurse told me my hemoglobin levels were too low to donate blood. And so when I went back to the doctor, I explained that process to her, and when we did the next round of blood testing, that's when she made the decision to move to the next level and referred me to an oncologist.

**Dave VO:**

Going into the first consult with the oncologist, if I had to sum it up in one word, would be anxious. We watched the blood counts continue to fall for a period of time. We did the bone marrow biopsy at about the nine-month stage. That's when the definitive diagnosis came back.

**Dave VO:**

What life always does is throw you a curve ball, and now we've got this curve ball that we're going to have to deal with. And it made us sit and look at each other and question, I wonder if we're going to be able to build the house that we want to.

**Dave VO:**

We've suffered through tragedies together. We have won things together. We've done wonderful things together. And I believe this has created a higher-level bond between us.

**Dave VO:**

There's an awful lot that's out of our control, but you just try to plan around it.

**ANNOUNCER VO:**

We will hear the rest of the story in one minute, after this Important Safety Information.

REBLOZYL, also known as luspatercept, is a prescription medicine for injection, and is used to treat anemia (low red blood cells) in adults with

- MDS who may need regular red blood cell transfusions, or RBC transfusions, and have never received another type of medicine called an erythropoiesis stimulating agent (ESA)
- MDS-RS or MDS/MPN-RS-T who need 2 or more RBC units, or red blood cell units, over 8 weeks and have not responded well to an ESA
  - REBLOZYL is not a substitute for RBC transfusions in people who need immediate treatment for anemia
  - It is not known if REBLOZYL is safe or effective in children under 18 years of age

### **What are the serious side effects of REBLOZYL?**

REBLOZYL may cause serious side effects, including blood clots, also known as thrombosis or thromboembolism, and high blood pressure, also known as hypertension.

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#### **Dave VO:**

In conversations with my oncologist, transfusions were an option, but it was not an option that, you know, we felt like should be included in my treatment at this time.

#### **Dave VO:**

He recommended going on to the drug therapy of REBLOZYL. It has extremely good results. He mentioned clinical trials and everything that surrounded it, and he was very impressed by it.

#### **Dave VO:**

He explained very clearly how it worked. He explained how it was going to help the bone marrow regenerate the red blood cells.

#### **Dave VO:**

It made me feel very positive about the process, that he felt very good about it. It gave my wife and I hope that the plans that we had in place, that we are going to be able to fulfill those plans.

**Dave VO:**

I could feel the difference from the very first treatment. I gradually began to feel less tired. I was able to spend more time in the shop. I experienced minimal side effects. But that may not be necessarily the same for every patient.

**Dave VO:**

The drug treatments fit into my routine very, very smoothly. It's relatively simple to schedule a visit with the oncologist, and the duration that I spend in there is very short.

**Dave VO:**

Since the results are encouraging, my wife and I are starting to make more detailed plans for the future, and we feel confident we'll be able to fulfill those plans.

**Dave VO:**

I feel very blessed today to have the support of BMS, to have the options out there for my treatment. The advice I would give someone else that is, I want to say, in the same shoes that I'm in, is ask questions of your oncologist or your doctor. Make decisions in your own treatment.

**Dave VO:**

REBLOZYL was the right first choice for treating my MDS-related anemia.