In 2014 I visited a GP regarding a brown flat mark on the end of my nose and was sent to a specialist for removal of the spot. The biopsy returned negative for cancer.

The spot came back within a year and I went back to the specialist for review – he said it was nothing to worry about.

About a year later while visiting my GP about another matter he was so concerned about the mark on my nose that he referred me to another specialist. I was diagnosed with melanoma which was urgently removed by the end of the week, requiring nose reconstruction by the Moh's flap method. I was given to understand that the melanoma had been caught in time with no risk of metastasis.

Following the surgery I was very ill and finally was diagnosed with a toxic reaction to the anaesthetic which had revived symptoms of the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS) I had suffered some years previously. I was ill for many months, unable to work and spending long periods confined to bed.

As a result of the reaction to the anaesthetic and my concern about recurrence of melanoma, I researched alternative treatments, discovering information about black salve. I decided to explore that treatment and over the next year or so I treated around 15 spots of which about 10 responded to the black salve. That is, formation of an eschar and expulsion of the spot tissue, with clean healing and minimal scarring.

Some of the treatments were quite deep and painful, others less so. I took photos of most of these treatment cycles. Some of the spots were on my face near the original melanoma location and the scar tissue from the surgery. Others were on my chest and back. One in particular on my back returned very quickly after the black salve treatment completed, and I treated it a second time. My specialist agreed that I was probably experiencing recurrent melanoma.

I was still quite unwell but slowly recovering my strength, when I experienced a dramatic onset of inflammation throughout my body, in the form of aggravated arthritis, bursitis and fibromyalgia. I was unable to walk due to pain throughout my body, especially the lower half of my body. This was accompanied by renewed CFS symptoms, extreme fatigue, loss of appetite etc.. I was rarely able to get out of bed.

Then I noticed a new kind of pain in my right shin and over a month or so a lump appeared. The lump was visible and palpable, the pain came and went. I went to see my GP, feeling very weak and unwell. She ran her hand over the lump and sent me for an ultrasound, which returned a diagnosis of fatty cyst. However, my internet research of ultrasound and fatty cyst showed that ultrasound cannot determine the difference between fatty cyst and bone cancer. It seemed to me that the occurrence and behavior of the lump corresponded in every respect to a classic bone cancer cyst.

I decided to apply black salve, not really knowing what to expect, other than something like my previous experience with black salve treatments. The result was dramatic, ten reactive treatment cycles over 6 months, diminishing at the end until there was no further reaction. Each cycle took around 10-14 days, in most cases with a few days of paralyzing pain. This is the typical response of a deep-rooted bone cancer to black salve.

Healing to clean skin tissue in each cycle was surprisingly quick, with the final result being a significant indentation in my shin bone, but with clean and painless healing of the tissue.

During this 6 months I was was mostly bedridden, feeling weak and unwell as the treatment consumed all my available energy. At times I felt that I would not recover. Medical consultations during this period were less than helpful. However, my GP did talk to the oncological surgeon who

performed the surgery on my nose, who responded that he believed black salve to be very effective and that "if black salve was legalized it would be the end of my profession".

It was very fortunate that early in my research on black salve I had been put in touch with an amazing woman, an expert consultant on black salve, who appears to have dedicated herself to providing advice and support to thousands of people through their journey with cancer and black salve. She was constantly and promptly supportive, reading my many emails with photos and responding the next day with advice. She helped me through this period as no one else could, asking nothing in return.

All things considered I have no regrets about the choices I made and the journey I took. Through this treatment I was able to stay at home, with no nasty chemotherapy or other chemicals, no needless hospitals, treatments and tests and much less fear and stress than I might otherwise have experienced. I have seen that mainstream medical process take over the lives of individuals and families for months and years and then they die.

Since my experience with the bone cancer I have not had any more suspicious symptoms indicating internal cancer but only time will tell what my future cancer outcome will be. I am still managing CFS, together with the complex of other severe inflammation conditions.

I will continue to use black salve if necessary to manage any future incidence of cancer. Experiencing and observing the healing cycle is fascinating, as it appears to work in harmony with our system. It shoud be legalized, made available and properly supported.