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My name is Antonio. I am Italo-Brazilian and have lived in Luxembourg since 1994. This country has become home to me and my family and we really appreciate living here.

I have pancreatic cancer. The day in January 2014 when I received my diagnosis was the most terrible day in my life. I will always remember this day and the moment I first got this news. I knew very little about cancer and never ever thought that it could personally affect me! Everything that I had heard about pancreatic cancer was dreadful and I felt like I had been given a death sentence.

Just one year is gone and I still remember the days after I have received the diagnosis. I have always questioned why I have gotten cancer? Now it is a part of me. The bottom-line is that no one wants to face cancer... but once you have it, there is no choice but to recognize it and move forward.

At this time, I would like to express my eternal gratitude to my family, friends and all the people that helped me from the time of receiving the diagnosis to now. Especially the outstanding psychological support found in the Foundation CANCER was and is precious for me.

I try to live well and I am succeeding. You learn to focus on things that are really essential for life. Every single day is different and every day is the best day of the year! It is very important for me to live in the present, as I realized through this journey, that the past is gone and it makes no sense to spend the time worrying about the future, as it is something you truly cannot control.

Finally, I just would like to say some words in my mother tongue:

Quero aconselhar a todas as pessoas que estejam na mesma situação que eu passei e encontro-me no momento para não terem medo e procurar ajuda. Isto é realmente muito importante em todas as fases da doença!

Thank you very much !