

# LIVING WITH CML

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Chronic Myeloid Leukemia  
(CML) patient groups



## **Patient stories to help better understand daily life with Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (CML)**



Nigel Deekes is a patient that has been living with CML since 2011 when he was diagnosed at the age of 45.

Nigel lives in the UK, is married with two children. He is a keen

and active squash player and works full time running his own real estate business, employing around 40 people.

Nigel is a Trustee of CML Support and also the founder of CML UK, being a Facebook support group. Additionally, he is a member of the TFR CML Advocates Network working group.



*Nigel with Dr Raghavan and Kris Griffin at a Birmingham Support Group meeting, 2017*

Approached to enter the UK Destiny trial where medication is halved for 12 months and then TFR attempted, Nigel was keen to join although felt potentially had not been at a deep enough response for long enough.

Successfully completing the half dose treatment regime whilst seeing numbers gradually increase, Nigel attempted TFR however this proved unsuccessful with his numbers rising above MR3 within a couple of months.

Nigel resumed treatment on full dose Imatinib and regained deep response quickly; subsequently over the last four years progressing to MR4.5 and undetectable.

