Lighting the way for HIV/AIDS patients

By Melissa Pang

Back in 1991, when little was known about HIV, a 60-year-old Singaporean was diagnosed with the virus.

He remembers a case in which a kidney patient was referred to his department for second opinion for a tumour.

"What could it be?" he said.

The patient turned out to have stage IV renal cell carcinoma, a rare form of kidney cancer.

"It was a rare case, but it was a good one. We diagnosed it early, and that's what matters," he said.

Today, about 60 per cent of patients with renal cell carcinoma make choices – it's in our own hands.

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