My Dear Oncologist

32-bar jig for three couples in a three-couple longwise set

Bars	Description
1 – 8	1st and 2nd couples set and link, then giving right hands to the other person on own sides, turn once round (2nd and 1st men together, 2nd and 1st women together).
9 – 16	1st and 3rd couples dance a chain progression.
17 – 24	2nd, 3rd and 1st couples dance a grand chain, 1st couple starting by crossing while 2nd couple facing down and 3rd couple facing up change places; 3rd man and 1st woman finish facing out.
25 – 32	3rd and 1st couples dance a modified ladies' chain: 3rd man and 1st woman dance as men in a usual ladies' chain, and 3rd woman and 1st man as women. Repeat from new positions.

Note: bar 4, dancers flow into the right hand turn without finishing completely the set and link formation, in particular, 1st man and 2nd woman remain facing out to enter the turn.

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"My dear oncologist" is the very first person I met from the oncology department in Chambéry Hospital, right after my diagnosis of a "cancer-type lesion" in my left lung. I was transferred from the emergency department to oncology and was then warmly welcomed by that young woman.

She was a house doctor finishing her 11 year medicine studies of which 5 had been spent in oncology, she had arrived in Chambéry hospital a few days before me and got her diploma in October 2021, prior to leaving Chambéry for another hospital in France.

I immediately had a good feeling and felt confident with her, which was very comforting in this shocking situation. I always felt really well looked after by her. So I wished to devise a dance for her, and since she used her hands a lot when talking, it's become a dance in which you use your hands all the time.