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A DIAGNOSIS OF BRAIN CANCER has always meant a death sentence and a sense of helplessness. But new drugs like Temodar, a powerful chemo

treatment in capsule form, and Avastin, which is in promising clinical trials, are producing brighter outcomes for patients.

Lesley Needleman, 50, who was diagnosed in May 2007, has been taking both Temodar and Avastin. Before treatment, she "couldn't even steer a shopping cart," but now she is functioning so well that she is **going back to college** next month to finish her degree in Oriental medicine.

Lori Gerbereux (left), 42, who restores Victorian homes for a living, placed first in the Hercules women's bodybuilding championship in June. She was diagnosed five years ago and wasn't supposed to live more than six months. Day to day, it's still a struggle—she's blind in one eye and had a seizure

backstage before the bodybuilding show. But loving what she does keeps her going. "I live on borrowed time every day, so I try to make the best of it," she says.