

Client Story #2: A Sudden Diagnosis

Mr. L is a 60-year-old man who appeared to be in excellent health, except for some headaches, that were gradually growing more persistent. He visited his doctor and was shocked to learn he had a brain tumor that was benign but had been growing on his acoustic nerve for years and now threatened to damage his hearing and facial muscles, if left unchecked.

The doctor presented Mr. L with a number of possible treatments, but Mr. L and his family were too upset and busy digesting the diagnosis to evaluate these treatments on their own.

They called Everybody Needs A Nurse. . .

Diane worked with the family to quell their fears. She researched the various treatment options and explained them to the family, helping them come to the decision to choose radiation treatment over surgery. After the treatment, Diane consulted with Mrs. L about her husband's weakness and exhaustion, offering suggestions about what types of nutrition to give him and to make sure that his pain medicines were taken regularly, instead of waiting until the pain was too great.

It has been several months and Everybody Needs A Nurse has been there for Mr. L through his recovery, letting him know what to expect and helping him through the recovery process. Mr. L is now back to work and the tumor has resolved.