

FAMILY'S REACTION TO DIAGNOSIS

Partner/husband



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There was nobody to help me, to talk to me, . . . Not even my husband, he didn't even try to hug me . . . He said he was scared he was going to hurt me.

I had my doctor call my husband, I couldn't tell him, I couldn't handle it; I wanted him to break it to him. And so the doctor called him at work and told him . . . when he came home from work . . . , we talked about it and it was devastating. He just, he didn't know what to do or say. . . . I have three girls And we talked about it. We talked and we talked. And, . . . they were very, very supportive . . . But, . . . they accepted it and, . . . you know, they just learned to live with it now. You know what my daughter told me the other day, my 10 year old, she told me, "I think we're getting our [real] mommy back". You know, . . . she's not sick anymore".



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