

I had a little pain in one of my breasts and I was doing my own breast examination and I felt a lump. . . I called my doctor and I told him . . . I wasn't due to come in for my physical for about another month or so but, . . . I'm feeling a lump and so he said "well maybe we can move it up" He said "why don't you come in next week?" . . . I went in, and I . . . had a mammogram, probably about four months before this time so . . . I thought it might be a cyst or something. . . . When I went to see the doctor, they asked to have a biopsy done. . . . I was referred to a surgeon who did the biopsy, and he told me to come back in a couple of days. I went back in and he proceeded to tell me that it was positive.



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I was in Albuquerque with my son and I was playing around, you know wrestling playing and the girl just grabbed my breast and . . . next morning, I went to bed, I didn't feel nothing. Early I woke up and I had a bruise on my breast and so I call my son and I asked my son I say "what's happen to me? . . . look at my breast it's blue", [and] he said "what happened?", and so I said "it's hurting", so he took me to doctor in Albuquerque at the Indian hospital. He took me there and . . . they gave me some medicine to take, they thought it was just a bruise, so I went back home. Few days later, my nipple started dripping so I [got] scared. My son took me back to the hospital and the doctor in Albuquerque told me to go up to Santa Fe and have it x-rayed, so I got scared again cause he told me it might be cancer. . . . I didn't accept it. So, I hid [it] from my brothers again you know, I hid it. I didn't want to tell them, I didn't want to scare them, cause I was scared myself.