

Delaying Diagnosis

A year before I seen a doctor I found a lump on my breast while showering. . . . I got worried about it but I didn't want to see a doctor right away. I [kept] putting it off . . . so it took like a year to finally go to see a doctor about it . . . It was a women doctor and, I went in and I didn't know how to tell her. So I said I had a sore throat and she examined my throat and there was nothing wrong with my throat. And then I said my ears. So then she examined my ears and there was nothing wrong. . . . That's when . . . she picked up on it that there was something wrong, but I didn't want to tell her. Finally she [kept] asking me questions, and finally I told her, "Oh, I have this lump on my breast." So she examined it and then she sent me down right away for a mammogram.



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(translated by daughter) on the way to the clinic with my granddaughter, I told her about the pain in my breast... That there was so much pain [!] ... couldn't take it anymore.