

... When I came out of surgery . . . I was in the recovery room with a lot of other people and they kept me in there an hour longer because my fingers were numb, and they were hurting. And he thought it would go away, but it took like a month for it to go away, because he said when he was taking the lymph nodes out . . . he might [have] . . . got a little rough so it hit a nerve.



**Eloise D.**  
[Standing Rock Sioux]



. . . and then I went back five days later and they removed the fifteen lymph nodes and glands, and that was . . . the way it happened, and it all happened so fast, it was kind of a surprise.

**Mary Lou Davis** [Caddo/Cherokee]

Your arm is in shock [and] you have to go through therapy to get it to be semi-normal to use it [again]. There was one time I was going [to go] for my treatment [and I was] trying to put on a blouse, . . . [putting] it on one arm and [then] getting it over here. I had just gotten it on and my daughter came running in the room, "oh mom, let me help you", she took it off of me. You don't know what a struggle it was to get it back on there. . . I know before I had use of my arm again, I was using a curling iron, I was trying to curl my hair and the curling iron gets stuck in my hair and I was pulling it.



**Martha Red Willow**  
[Oglala Sioux]