

that I wouldn't be able to lift anything over 5 pounds . . . So I had deliberately put things I might need, so they would be handy.

I was able to contact some people that gave information to me and . . . , it helped me understand that I didn't have to make a decision right away, so . . . with reading the books . . . I was able to at least understand the type of cancer that I had . . . and the different stages of development or whatever.



Candi Miller
[Haida]



And then, . . . , they told me I'd have to come back to get or to do the radical or something. They were going to schedule it like in 2 weeks, but I was cleaning house, you know and here it start draining. So I told the doctor that it was draining and they took me in right away.

Norma Staples [Mandan]

. . . I think if I had been more insistent, saying well I really think I ought to have a second opinion on this, and I think that might be important... if they caught the cancer maybe a little bit earlier maybe I wouldn't have had the lymph glands removed, I don't know, but I do think that a second opinion would have helped at that time.



Mary Lou Davis
[Caddo/Cherokee]