



Francis Johnson
[Fish River Inupiaq]

[Daughter's translation] she was very afraid of the radiation, . . . and she was quite reluctant to undergo the radiation treatment because that's what was recommended in her situation. . . . , and it took a while before . . . my brother Johnny . . . finally came down from Nome. It took a while before we were able to convince her that it was in her own best interest to do something other than, you know, risk having a recurrence of the cancer. . . . , after she under went the radiation treatments, . . . , it took awhile of course because of her age [ed. she was 76 years of age at the time of diagnosis], . . . for her to recuperate].

When I got operated on, I had radiation. That's all I had was radiation, and the staff in Santa Fe... they really encouraged me too. I got scared when the big machine came down on me cause I never experienced nothing like that in my life, so I got scared so I started praying in my own prayers. I asked the machine, whatever you are, believe and get me well. That's what I said to the machine, get me well.



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After I had surgery, and had the lymph glands removed, I had to wait a month until it kind of healed up a little bit. I guess it was longer than a month and then I started radiation treatment . . .

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