

Physical Reactions to Treatments: Baldness



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By going back to work . . . , in fact I went back [the] first part of March and I still had two more [chemo] treatments, and I was still, well I wasn't bald but I still had to wear that wig and the people that I work with were really nice and were understanding and that helped a lot. . . [my family was] . . . really supportive, [they] wanted me to just go to the Cancer Place, The American Cancer Society, to pick out some wigs and they had the ugliest stuff over there (laughter), I mean they did, I mean it was free,

but it was ugly. My (native tongue) I went and ordered one myself and it was a hundred and something and I didn't have to pay anything because my brothers and my sisters, they all pitched in and bought it for me.

When you lose your hair, I'm mean I'm sure a lot of people have this thing with self esteem anyway. But because a lot of us are hiding behind our little gifts that we've been given-- hair, and eyebrows, and eyelashes and such-- that when they're gone, when they're stripped, you really lose a lot. Your femininity has been questioned, you know, because you identify certain things with being feminine. Your fingernail polish, your hair, or these little attributes that everybody has. And when that's gone, you don't feel feminine. . . . , it's something, not to have your hair, but it's



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