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Scenario: Recent dx of terminally ill condition -with treatment could prolong life; without tx likely to die in 12mths; mother of 2; recently divorced; has grandchildren; pt herself is chaplain working with terminally ill pts

-Considering not taking tx due to side effects of meds

-Has not told anyone of her dx; hesitant to tell kids as does not want to be a burden; grieving will not see her grandchildren grow up and that all they may remember of her would be being sick

-Shared she is very close to her siblings and feels she could talk to them about her dx; also very involved with her church and she feels she could reach out to spiritual care team for support

-Identified as a counsellor herself she is used to being in 'protector mode' and now understands more fully how hard it is for her pts to reach out to family/friends when they get terminally ill dx