

E.P. December

E.P. was diagnosed with ALS seven years ago, and is currently being followed by the movement disorder clinic. She describes anxiety around her diagnosis as well as progression of her disease including loss of speech. E.P. has gone to the Mayo Clinic for potential treatment options, however this has been unsuccessful. She states that Mayo Clinic is expensive and she cannot afford to continue in this direction.

E.P. previously worked as a teacher, however can no longer work due to her diagnosis. This has been quite difficult for her. E.P. states she has a very supportive husband and family. She has two children, however due to their young ages, they do not understand her diagnosis. E.P. reports feeling guilty regarding the pressure that this diagnosis has put on her husband, and the burden she believes she now is to him. E.P. is requesting resources which are child friendly in order to help her children understand the situation. She also expressed a desire to ensure her husband is supported moving forward. E.P. states the above information may be shared with her healthcare team and was appreciative of this conversation.