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ME is a 50-year-old wife and mother who presented to the Emergency Department after having felt unwell for sometime and is now hospitalized and undergoing diagnostic assessment of suspected cancer. Understandably, ME is currently feeling “scared” and “terrified” with regard to the uncertainty of her present circumstances and the possibility of having cancer.

ME shared that her children, both young adults, have recently moved out of their home. She and her husband had been looking forward to freedom and time to connect with her family and friends in this “empty nester” phase of life.

ME enjoys spending time with loved ones, noting close relationship with her parents. She also enjoys watching movies and relaxing at home. She identifies her parents, sisters, and friends as a robust support system, noting also that they do not have support from her husband’s side of the family.

ME shared that she was raised Roman Catholic and now identifies as spiritual. Her personal spiritual connections are important to her coping and wellbeing.