

PDQ Assignment
Dignity in Care
September 2023

Initials: T.I.
DOB: 2006
(Fictional Person based on someone real).

Tim is a 17 year old boy with a relapsed Ewing's Sarcoma, who does not know his prognosis nor does he wish to know. He has been through some challenging chemotherapy already.

When discussing what is important to him, Tim shares that he lives within a close-knit family unit including his father, mother and sister, and they get along really well. Tim likes to joke around with his dad, and really loves his family. Most of them have birthdays in July, and every year they have a big gathering by the pool in their garden, adorned by some string lights, and they enjoy a feast together. Furthermore, Tim loves food and loves to eat. This made his chemotherapy extra difficult because it caused nausea, and he lost a lot of weight, now weighing only 35kgs, when he identifies as a healthy strapping young man. Tim loves to be outdoors, lives in a rural area, and enjoys visiting the farm where his sister's boyfriend works. He rides the tractors with him and loves to smell the nature all around him. This is very unlike the clinic setting where everything smells chemically and sterile.

In terms of worries, Tim wonders if he is missing out on a normal teenaged experience, as he sees his friends trying alcohol, and kissing girls, and feels these experiences are quite out of his reach at the moment. This can make him feel left out and isolated. He admits that while he is very close with his family, he has a more difficult time connecting with people his own age. He has always been that way. Tim also worries about the future, and hopes he will be around for his birthday next year.

When it comes to his care team, Tim has most enjoyed connecting with the social worker about his life outside of cancer, for example which video games he likes, and what his weekend plans are. He would like her to continue to be a part of his team.