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Speaker 1:

DA1, DA101. Okay. So, um, you said she's willing to like, take up any responsibilities if you're sick or something like that? Um, so have you participated in, like a diabetes education class?

Speaker 2:

Yes.

Speaker 1:

Um, was that, like, multiple days? Was it like a-

Speaker 2:

I went to diabetes education classes at, uh, uh, [inaudible 00:00:29] Mon General with April Lombardi.

Speaker 1:

... Mm-hmm.

Speaker 2:

I went through, uh, diabetes education classes, which is now known as UPMC in Cumberland.

Speaker 1:

Mm-hmm. Okay.

Speaker 2:

And I've talked to numerous dieticians.

Speaker 1:

Mm-hmm.

Speaker 2:

Dietician here.

Speaker 1:

Okay.

Speaker 2:

Right here at in campus [inaudible 00:00:53].

Speaker 1:

Do you feel like they were helpful for you? Those?

Speaker 2:

Well, you're gonna learn a little bit from all of 'em.

Speaker 1:

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Mm-hmm.

Speaker 2:

But I, I, I basically think that for somebody to teach diabetes and to tell you what to eat and they don't have diabetes ...

Speaker 1:

Yeah.

Speaker 2:

You know, it's just book learning.

Speaker 1:

Mm-hmm. True.

Speaker 2:

I can do that, I can do that from the internet.

Speaker 1:

Yeah. That's, that's true. I understand that. Um, and so if you were to like, look for advice for like handling some kind of health or eye problem, how, who would you go to? Would you go to like a, your, your doctor? Like I know there's like MyChart you could use, or like family and friends, internet.

Speaker 2:

I've got a very, very special friend.

Speaker 1:

Okay.

Speaker 2:

And she's the head dietician down here in **campus [inaudible 00:01:50]**.

Speaker 1:

Okay.

Speaker 2:

And she's helped me with a lot of stuff.

Speaker 1:

That's good. That's good.

Speaker 2:

And she's very good and, we keep things at a low key because-

Speaker 1:

Mm-hmm.

Speaker 2:

... I met her through an appointment.

Speaker 1:

Okay.

Speaker 2:

But I stopped going to see her-

Speaker 1:

Mm-hmm.

Speaker 2:

... through that appointment, after that appointment was over with.

Speaker 1:

Okay.

Speaker 2:

Because I developed a personal relationship.

Speaker 1:

Oh, okay.

Speaker 2:

I didn't want that to be a factor.

Speaker 1:

Yeah. Yeah. I understand that. Um, and so we're almost, almost wrapping up here. How do you think your eyesight currently limits your ability to do things you want to do?

Speaker 2:

Well from the surgeries-

Speaker 1:

Mm-hmm.

Speaker 2:

... you know, they put an oil or a gas-

Speaker 1:

Mm-hmm.

Speaker 2:

... in between your retina and your eye.

Speaker 1:

Mm-hmm.

Speaker 2:

To keep it from sticking together, I guess. I don't, I don't know.

Speaker 1:

Yeah. Yeah.

Speaker 2:

Anyway, and they say that's going to dissipate over time.

Speaker 1:

Mm-hmm.

Speaker 2:

Well, how in the hell can it?

Speaker 1:

Yeah. [inaudible 00:02:57]. You know.

Speaker 2:

Yeah.

Speaker 1:

And I mentioned it to the doctor here one day and he said, "I can withdraw that, some of that, most of it." He said, "You want me to do that?" I said, "Sure." Never again.

Speaker 2:

Mm.

Speaker 1:

I seen a needle with a ... coming at me like that with a syringe on the end of it about that long. And they stick that in your eye to ... Draw the-

Speaker 2:

Yeah.

Speaker 1:

... whatever out?

No more. No more.

Speaker 2:

Speaker 1:

Was it painful?

Speaker 2:

It wasn't no road, it wasn't no, you know, picnic.

Speaker 1:

Yeah.

Speaker 2:

I mean, yeah. It was, it was, it was painful. And the thing of it is, they're relying on, on me to be perfectly still so that it doesn't mess up my eye.

Speaker 1:

Yes.

Speaker 2:

Whenever I feel like jumping up and running.

Speaker 1:

Yeah.

Speaker 2:

And, and, uh, so, they never got it all.

Speaker 1:

Hmm. Okay.

Speaker 2:

So what they put in this eye was different than what they put in that eye.

Speaker 1:

Mm-hmm.

Speaker 2:

And when I look down, you know, if I'm standing up and I look down, or a lot of times when I look over like this, I don't see that well and sometimes don't see anything at all.

Speaker 1:

Okay.

Now, if I step back at a little bit of an angle, yeah. I can see it.

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Speaker 2:

Okay.

Speaker 2:

Do you know how long it took me one time to pick up a paper clip in my office off the floor?

Speaker 1: Uh, I

don't know,

Speaker 2:

A long time. Flat out ridiculous.

Speaker 1:

Mm-hmm.

Speaker 2:

And, uh, you know, I'm really disappointed with that.

Speaker 1:

Mm-hmm. Okay.

Speaker 2:

You, you know. It seems like you come in to get one problem fixed and they create two others.

Speaker 1:

Hmm. Okay. Um, well, what were your expectations for today's visit. specifically?

Speaker 2:

Well, today was just a routine exam.

Speaker 1:

Oh, okay.

Speaker 2:

A yearly exam.

Speaker 1:

Okay. Um ...

Speaker 2:

And he, he checked the, uh, retinas to make sure it was still staying attached.

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Speaker 1:

Okay.

Speaker 2: Not

that it is. So-

Speaker 1:

That's good.

Speaker 2:

... he's happy.

Speaker 1:

Okay. Um, and are you satisfied with your appointment today?

Speaker 2:

Oh yeah.

Speaker 1:

Okay, good. Good, good. Um, those are all the questions I have for you. Do you have any comments or questions?

Speaker 2:

No, I don't.

Speaker 1:

Okay. Um-