

My creed is low, be sincere and don't fuss.

—JANE ADDAMS (1860-1935)  
American social worker

2/11/14

12:50 pm

Day 5

Day is going well. Mike set up the trainer for me so I was able to spin for an hour. It felt great! Then Alison, Andy and Elliot came over and we had a wonderful visit. We played in the park and it was just what I needed.

I've also been able to schedule an appt at 3:00 today with Dr Lillehei at the U. Kaiser would not write me a referral so today's visit will be at of pocket expense (\$500), but I then hope to have more information to make my decision on how to proceed. I'm optimistic but anxious at the same time.

6:30 pm

Our meeting with Dr Lillehei went very well. He did confirm the same findings as Dr Crawford but we discussed a clinical trial (DCVax) that I'm a candidate for. The catch is I have to have the surgery at the U by Lillehei in order to be in the trial ~~by~~ but Kaiser is dragging their heels on putting in the referral since they have 2 very capable neurosurgeons who could do the surgery. But the tumor cells must be harvested and sent to this company in order to make the vaccine and the U is the only site in Colorado in the study. We will work me to K.P. tomorrow to get this referral. I hope it gets approved. But if not, Dr Crawford and KP are very capable of providing the standard treatment. Even if I have the surgery at the U. I'll have chemo and radiation at Kaiser (which is actually better for us). Anyway, one way or another I'll have surgery in the next week to 10 days.

Both Mike and I are in good spirits today. I'm glad things are proceeding. We are ready.