

BREAKING BAD NEWS

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Nurse	Hi, are you Mary Smith?
Client	Yes, I'm Mary Smith.
Nurse	Come on in. Please have a seat.
Client	Ok. Thank you.
Nurse	Hi. My name is Betty. I'm the nurse working in the clinic today.
Client	Hi.
Nurse	May I know your full name?
Client	Mary Samantha Smith. It's like a common name.
Nurse	Yeah. Smith is a common name. What's your birth date?
Client	June 10th, 1955
Nurse	Okay. Thanks. The reason I'm asking is that I just want to make sure you are the correct patient.
Client	Okay. That's a very good idea.
Nurse	So, Mary. Can you tell me why you are here today?
Client	I had breast biopsy a week ago. So, ... you knew that, right?
Nurse	Yes, I did. I just want to see your expectation for being here today. Did you speak to your family doctor before coming here today?
Client	No, I didn't. She is on vacation, so I haven't had the chance to do it. Do you have some information?
Nurse	I do. Yes, I do. I just want to see if your doctor has given you any information at all before I talk to you. Let me get my information here. Let's just move a little closer together.
Client	Okay.
Nurse	I have this paper with me right here.
Client	Is this the pathology report?
Nurse	Yes, this is the pathology report from the biopsy that you had. There's a lot of words.
Client	What does it mean?
Nurse	Let's go down to the very bottom part here where it gives you the diagnosis. It says that you do have a breast cancer, a breast carcinoma cancer. Were you expecting that?
Client	I knew there was a possibility but I was hoping it was not the case.
Nurse	So, you weren't planning for this in your mind today.
Client	No, I don't know.
Nurse	Okay. The plan today is first of all to inform you. Then, to help you along the path that this diagnosis has given you.
Client	Okay.
Nurse	So, the doctor would like to see you, and examine you and explain some of the options that are available for you. This requires surgery and so a surgical intervention is likely what is required.
Client	I see.
Nurse	Is there anyone with you here today?

Client	No, I'm alone. My husband is out of town.
Nurse	My job is to help you understand what it means and what the next steps for you are going to be. You also have to see a surgeon who will examine you and explain some surgical options to you. There are choices that you can make. Whatever choice you make is good with us. Are you doing okay for now?
Client	I'm okay.
Nurse	The next step is: I'm going to leave you alone for a few minutes. I'm going to get you to change your clothes for the examination. This way, please.
Client	Okay. Thanks.