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I agree Ed I find that overwhelming, I swear if I had an lump I would not have a biopsy, I would have a double mastectomy. I guess I'm just not that vain, obviously or I wouldn't be overweight, but it just amazes me.

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Sue -- Firefighter mom -- Still Rabid UW Dawg Fan!

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>> Ed, I've transcribed oncology (among other specialities) for 22 years
and

>> you are absolutely right. People only hear what they want to hear. My
>> mother didn't want to know anything about her gallbladder cancer and her
>> doctors said she never asked any questions before she died (10 weeks
from

>> diagnosis to death). My father died with lymphoma, lung cancer, and

>> prostate cancer. He knew he was going to die, but held out hope to the

>> end. My end will come from a different disease, but people think I'm

>> morbid for wanting to know what that will be like, so there isn't any

>> discussion of the end, just what needs to be done before it gets here.

>> Don't know which is worse, not acknowledging the end is coming or making

>> plans for a summer you'll never see.

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> I guess everyone handles and copes with these very difficult situations in

> whatever manner they can.

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> What still bothers me about my friend's situation is that I think there

was

> a component of vanity involved. She was pretty much your typical

California

> sun-worshipper, and I think the thought of having a breast removed was

> unthinkable to her.

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> I just find it really hard to accept that someone would basically rather
die
> than lose a breast. I had a patient recently that had Leriche's syndrome,
> and she told me that her mother had had it also, and had a terrible
looking
> abdominal scar.
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> She told me that if it wasn't for the percutaneous reconstruction that is
> now available, she would rather die than wind up with a scar like her
mother
> had. At first I thought she was kidding, but then I realized that she was
> completely serious.
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> I try to be openminded and try to accept that people make their decisions
> based on different criteria than I, but that is just stupid.
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