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long term prognosis Posted by Ang - 09 Dec 2005 21:45	

Hello my name is Ang and I have joined this forum on behalf of my 34 year old sister who has been dx'd with AA in Sept. In my endless search for answers, I have come to realize that there simply aren't any. I have become increasingly depressed when I read posts on how victims are so disabled. She has had 2 surgeries including spinal fusion and 8-9 ESI. All along we thought well maybe it will be bad for a time into it gets stablized. Well thinks just keep getting worse

What I would like to know is if the kind Dr. Sarah could address the long term prognosis in most patients? Most being the key word, because I do know the disease is so unpredictable. But with the right pain control (which my sister does not at this time, she will be seeing a new pain spec. soon) CAN the disease be kept at bay? I know that this is a loaded question but any response would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you Kim, Ann and Dr. Sarah for the attention to my question. It is my first time so please forgive me for a lengthy question.

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