



Speaking from Experience *Stroke in Midlife*

Transcript for chapter 3 of 9: Other complications

Leonie, 37 years, stroke 4 years ago & husband George: As a result of the original stroke, there was some damage done to tissue in the brain has brought on epilepsy.

Noelene, 63 years, stroke 7 years ago: Diabetes was a result.

Helen, 54 years, stroke 11 years ago: I had a serious complication and a pulmonary embolism, which I also came to learn that it can be quite life threatening and not that many people survive a pulmonary embolism. It's a clot, because of lack of movement, a clot formed in my left leg and passed up though, but fortunately it was small enough and it passed through my heart and lodged in my right lung. But it caused enormous problems. I had no pain with the stroke, but I certainly had pain with the pulmonary embolism.

Robyn, 48 years, stroke 11 years ago, & mother Cath: She did break her hip when she was in the Royal Talbot originally. That was a disaster, we were just getting her going and she ended up in the Royal Melbourne again with a broken hip and sort of had to start again a bit. And two years ago, she was in the kitchen beside me and down she went and broke her hip and we ended up at Royal Talbot again.