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15 years ago my husband came home he had been sick on a train got off and did not know where he was he said no one helped him as they thought he was drunk. He looked awful so we went to the doctor who diagnosed migraines. This occurrence happen a few more time hen seem to stop

In Feb 2001 we both went down with a very bad bout of flu My husband seemed to recover first, so went to get some shopping but when he got there was disorientated and did not know why or where he was

I got up two day later and although still unwell, i realized all was not well with my husband My daughter came and took us both to the doctors.

My husband went in first and the doctor called me in to ask if i had noticed anything peculiar about his behavior I said I had he just seemed vague and unsteady He immediately sent my husband to the hospital

When we got to the hospital they did various test bloods heart lumbar punch etc The consultant came to talk to us after a week of tests and said it looks like a possible stroke but because of the age he said he was 99% certain it was MS. Various test were done for MS lumbar punch MRI scan and a test which looks into the back of the eye although none of these were positive the consultant said he was 99.9% sure it was MS.

My husband went back to work for two years after the first diagnosis but his balance etc became increasingly worse so he had no option but to retire in 2003 he was 58. He was put on a trial of Rebif interferon and seemed to stabilize but He never really came to terms with the fact he was ill and became more and more depress so much so that I left work in 2006 to look after him slowly his memory deteriorated his walking became slow and he had to use a stick.

His progression did not quite follow the normal pattern of MS something did not seem right.

in October of 2011 after a trip out we came back and he fell asleep when he awoke he could not walk and felt really tired This was put down to the fact he had had a relapse with his MS he never recovered his ability to walk after this and is now confined to a wheelchair and needs full time care.

In May of 2012 My husband went for he regular six month check ups and saw a new consultant who looked at his notes and examined him as though it was his first time she asked various questions and we mentioned both his brother has a similar illness and died in his fifties and his niece had an illness called CADASIL. She sent my husband for a test for CADASIL and in November 2012 he was finally diagnose as having CADASIL. He is now at the stage where he does not talk much cannot remember instructions etc cannot walk and has nighttime urinary incontinence gets extremely agitated and things he should be going out when he is not .

It is very sad as to look at him he looks in the best of health but we do not know what other symptoms we can expect or what his life expectancy will be he is now 68

Regards,
Concerned Wife in England