

Dale



Dale is 53 years old, uninsured, a former fisherman who has worked intermittently and lives on the streets in San Diego. He suffers from severe depression and uncontrolled diabetes. He came to live with his sister in Santa Cruz when he developed severe abdominal pain. When his pain did not improve, his sister took him to the emergency room where he was found to have an abdominal mass and hospitalized for surgery. He was discharged to his sister's home with a temporary colostomy .