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I was at work one day and my daughter rang me and said, 'K's been put in hospital. I just took him up there.'

And I said, 'Well, what's wrong with him?'

And she said, 'Well, his blood pressure was huge.' He suffers from it anyway and he's been diagnosed with high blood pressure since he was 17.

I got home from work and they were there. And his eyes were still bloodshot, and he obviously didn't look well, and he still had a splitting headache.

And I said, 'What did they do when you went to the hospital?'

And he said, 'They kept me there for a couple of hours, done some tests and that, and just let me go.'

I was concerned because he still had the headache and, you know, the potential of a stroke... He could have been history. So I got him in the car and went back up there.

When he got there, I just said to the lady, 'He's back here. I wanted to bring him in because I think he needs to be monitored. I don't want him home having a heart attack.'

What did she say to me... 'Well, he's already been in once today.'

I said, 'Well, I understand that fully, but I don't think that they did an exit blood pressure with him. His eyes are still bloodshot. He shouldn't be home with us, I can't take responsibility for him if he gets sick, like, has a heart attack at home.' Coz he had that history. I said, 'I would prefer if you could make sure that he sees a doctor, please, rather than a RN [registered nurse], coz I think this warrants it.'

And they said, 'Well, we will see if we got one available.'

And I said, 'Well, I demand that you get him to see a doctor.' Basically...

And then he went in... The doctor did see him... But, yeah, it turned out [that when he came into the hospital earlier that day] they just let him out the door, basically, and didn't do any meds on exit.

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