

## My Husband in Australia

Just a short note to say hi! My Husband had his first stroke in July 1998 at age 47. Six years later he had a second stroke and six months later, his third which was his worst one putting him in hospital because he could not swallow. He was tube feed until physio strengthened his gag reflex. He does not suffer with migraines at all and is on a disability pension at age 56 now. It's been 18 months since the last one. Our GP knows nothing but we have a neurologist who does know of it. He is taking PLAVIX for the blood thinning, he takes antidepressants and tablets for high blood pressure. He does lose his balance sometimes and his memory plays havoc with him and he does get frustrated. Like you, I hope with more recognition of the disease that doctors will eventually find a cure or at least a treatment. My husband has 3 living cousins in one family and two have Cadasil. Another cousin has the migraine Cadasil. Her mother died recently of dementia (she was never tested) but they say it was probably Cadasil. My husband's father never showed any signs of Cadasil before he died at the age of 70, nearly 22 years ago.

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