

Back in the ER

8 days to go before Kevin gets his kidney stent removed, and we're back in the ER to deal with extreme pain that's spiked so badly some evenings that normal pain meds can't deal with it. We've avoided this place for the past 10 days or so, but tonight it was just too much for him.

Not the best memories of this place; the bed he's in is in that back room at Kaiser Redwood City where my father spent time during his final months with leukemia. 21 years and the place hasn't changed a bit. Realistically we should feel fortunate that Kevins pain, as severe as it is, isn't the cancer just discovered in the bed to the left or the potentially-failing heart in the bed to the right. Not much privacy when all that separates one bed from the next is the equivalent of a hung-up bed sheet.

The long list of meds he's on has been gone over and we now wait for the next step in the drill... even more powerful meds than he's already on, administered via IV.

8 days. We're 3/4 of the way there!

My apologies for any strange typos; not quite so easy updating from an iPhone. --Mike--

Update- We finished at the ER about 11:30pm and went home, with Kevin feeling groggy but with much less pain. Tonight (Monday) Kevin has felt much better, none of the extreme flashes of pain that had him doubled over yesterday. One week to go before the stent is removed!