

# Barbara Blue Scenario

# Dennis Blue

## Your life:

- You are the son of Steven and Barbara Blue.
- You live in Toledo, Ohio, and your parents live in Wisconsin.
- You have been married to your wife, Lucy, for 20 years and have two teenagers.
- Your mother just had cancer surgery.
- You came to Wisconsin for a week during your mother's hospitalization.
- You call the CBRF regularly to check on your mother.
- You believe your dad is pressuring your mother to get back home.

## You value:

- Taking care of your family
- Being responsible for your mother especially during this time of illness
- Treating people with respect and love

## You appear in Scene Two

## **Summary of the Scenario**

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This case occurs in Blue Hills Assisted Living Facility. Barbara Blue is a 72-year-old resident who is in a single room. She has been here for a few days following surgery for ovarian cancer. She has been married to Steven Blue for 48 years. She needs assistance with bathing, dressing changes, transferring, toileting, and medication. The facility staff, family, and friends are concerned that Mr. Blue is being verbally abusive to his wife. He tells her that she should come home NOW to take care of his needs. The doctor believes Barbara must remain in the facility for at least a few weeks before she will be healthy enough to go home; and only then if she will have someone who can care for her and not expect her to be doing housework or cooking.

## Lives

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- **Barbara Blue**, a CBRF resident
- **Reverend Marvin Mitchell**, Minister
- **Jamie O'Connor**, CNA in CBRF
- **Dennis Blue**, Barbara and Steven's son
- **Sonia Solomon**, CBRF social worker
- **Kelly Anderson**, CBRF supervisor
- **Lucy Blue**, Dennis's wife
- **Ron Records**, Documentation Specialist

## Who is in each Scene

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- **Scene One** (on Blue paper): Barbara, Reverend Mitchell, Jamie
- **Scene Two** (Green): Dennis, Reverend Mitchell, Lucy
- **Scene Three** (Yellow): Sonia, Jamie, Kelly
- **Scene Four** (Pink): Jamie, Barbara, Reverend Mitchell, Sonia

## **Dennis Blue, age 45**

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### **Starter page**

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- You have been married to your wife, Lucy, for 20 years and have two teenagers.
- Your mother just had cancer surgery.
- You came to Wisconsin for a week during your mother's hospitalization and her discharge to the CBRF, but you couldn't stay any longer because of work obligations.
- You call the CBRF regularly to check on your mother.
- You believe your dad is probably pressuring your mother to get back home. Last time you talked to him on the phone he was complaining about her being gone.

### **You value:**

- Taking care of your family
- Being responsible for your mother especially during this time of illness
- Treating people with respect and love

**Props:** Phone

**Scenes you are in:** Two (Green)

## **Warm-Up**

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### **Barbara, Jamie, and Kelly**

- Barbara is in her room reading her get well card from her son and looking at the picture of her cat, Marble.
- Jamie and Kelly are in her room and they talk about the weather, the cat, and the nice card.

### **Sonia and Reverend Mitchell**

- Sonia is in her office going over her case record of Mrs. Blue.
- Marvin Mitchell, the minister, stops by to call on Mrs. Blue. Talk about the weather and general topics.

### **Dennis, Lucy, and Ron**

- Dennis recalls fond memories of his mother's holiday molasses cookies with Lucy, the Facilitator, and Ron, the documentation specialist.

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## Scene Two: Green

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**Time:** Tuesday evening

**Participants:** Dennis, Reverend Mitchell, and Lucy

*Dennis calls Reverend Mitchell to discuss how his mother is doing.*

**Dennis:** Hello Reverend Mitchell. It's Dennis Blue calling.  
Have you been to visit my mother lately?

**Reverend Mitchell:** Yes, Dennis, I just visited yesterday. She said she felt like she needed to get home and take care of your father as soon as she can.

**Dennis:** What!?! He's so self-centered. I just got off the phone with him. He was mad, talking about how my mother is "faking it, as always."

**Lucy:** (on an extension phone) I'm really worried about Barbara.

**Reverend Mitchell:** Perhaps your father is just very stressed out. It's hard work taking care of someone with cancer. I'm sure your dad loves your mother very much.

**Dennis:** Baloney! He has never done any "caregiving" in his life. And if he loves her so much, he has a funny way of showing it. He was just yelling at me about how my mother needs to get home now!

**Reverend Mitchell:** I'll ask some of the church ladies to bring over some food for Steven. That should help.

**Lucy:** Maybe we need to go to Wisconsin, Dennis.

**Dennis:** I think I need to come to Wisconsin and see for myself how Mother is coming along. But first, I'm going to call Blue Hills and talk to someone in charge. He shouldn't be bullying her there!

**Reverend Mitchell:** We'll do the best we can to support Steven and Barbara, Dennis.

**Dennis:** Thank you for that, Reverend Mitchell. I'll talk to you again soon. Goodbye.

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## Barbara Blue – Individualized Care Plan

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*(excerpted)*

### Diagnosis:

- 72-year-old woman
- Admitted after 5 days at Washington Memorial hospital
- Ovarian cancer surgery
- Anticipate radiation to begin next month
- Married
- Grown child

**Special Note:** Husband is around a lot and seems lost without her. Patient seems eager to improve and go home to husband.

### Personal interests:

- Her cat, Marble
- Sewing
- Church activities
- Her son, Dennis

### Needs Assistance:

- Bathing
- Toileting
- Transferring
- Incision care
- Medication management
- Range-of-motion exercises with arms and legs

**Special Note:** Needs significant rest. Avoid visits in PM. Should remain in care for two to three weeks after discharge from hospital.

### Nutrition:

- Normal diet

### Safety:

- No issues