



**It's not all roses...**





- Admitted to VGH in July 2003 with severe abdominal burns which required skin grafting
- Hemodialysis initiated in hospital
- Changed to PD October 2003



- **Discharged home in October 2003 but was unable to cope and was readmitted with failure to thrive and probable sepsis in November of the same year**



- **In March 2004 at the age of 79 was admitted to Hawthorne with the expectation that she would transfer to a bed somewhere closer to home when it became available**





## Past History

- Hypertension
- Hypothyroidism
- MRSA arthritis in shoulder
- Depression



**‘The optimist sees the  
rose and not its thorns;  
the pessimist stares at  
the thorns, oblivious to  
the rose’**



**Kahlil Gibran**



## Helen's Roses



- Reading
- Faith
- Family
- Hand chime choir
- Tomato Sandwiches!



## Clinical Challenges for Helen Her 'thorns'



- Blood pressure
- Weight gain
- Chronic wounds
- Recurrent nausea and vomiting
- Pain



(R) leg lateral aspect  
(L) leg medial aspect

June 10/



Aug 31, 04  
(RT) leg wound





# Helen's Biggest Thorn



# Accommodation wanted!

- Undemanding, quiet single female looking for room with ensuite in the Chilliwack area. N/S: N/P. Visitors +++

Room must be big enough to

accommodate Cyclor and PD fluids.

Training for Cyclor operation provided.

Expertise in making tomato sandwiches a must!