

Shunted My Story Book Excerpt

My neurosurgeon was unavailable, and his partner, even though familiar with my case didn't feel capable of performing surgery on me. So he sent me to another hospital to see Dr. Neal. While talking to my parents, he told them the shunt wasn't the answer, but he would do it any how. He went further to say that my chances were 40/60.

My mother said "Sixty percent chance she will survive?"
He said "No. I only had a 40 percent chance of survival to live.