Hello all. I just joined GRACE while trying to gather information and it seems to be a really good site.

Now my disclaimer: I know self-diagnosis is the bane of every professional here, as well as those who are dealing with real issues. I don’t want to be “that guy,” however, I have to admit my concerns are now pushing my anxiety over the edge.

I’ve read here, as well as lots of other sites, about pancoast tumors. Of course, what is out on the internet today will make people think they are dying due to a mild inflammation half the time. What I would like to know about are REAL LIFE situations and symptoms.

I’ve read all over about “pain in the shoulder” symptoms that can radiate down your arm. I would like to know how and when did you first notice something was wrong, pain intensity levels, what the pain felt like, how persistent (did it come and go), locations of the pain, breathing issues, etc.

I hate to ask this when there are so many people out there dealing with waaay worse situations that me. However, I think if I, as well as others, get real life info from those dealing with this, it may help alleviate the internet cancer anxiety.

Take care to everyone out there!