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Eveth reflects my process of recognizing and accepting the bizarre physical changes that were daily reminders of my own morbidity and eventual mortality.

We all know we're going to die, but coming face-to-face with the possible named cause gives that knowledge a new dimension. In addition to philosophically confronting mortality, with chemotherapy there is an equally disturbing phenomenon known as "chemo brain" (the medical term is "cognitive dysfunction"). Of all my chemo brain symptoms, the most distressing was a total loss of my sense of humor and irony, leaving an emptiness that sometimes led to depression and even a sense of hopelessness.