

## **Editorial Policy 2025**

We care about you - and your stories. As the premier resource for the acoustic neuroma community, we inform, educate, and support those affected by acoustic neuroma brain tumors. The ANA wants to empower you and our community by increasing awareness and understanding through individual stories.

As a nonprofit, patient-first organization, we serve volunteers, medical partners, patients, caregivers, and donors – all part of the AN community. That's why, when you read patient stories, it's like meeting someone you know. Someone who understands the acoustic neuroma experience and can share in a way you can relate to.

We try our best to honor individual stories, however, we ask that you kindly read and review other stories on this site and in our newsletter publication, *Notes*. We also ask that you adhere to the tips and suggestions provided in our *Storytelling Toolkit*. While we respect all aspects of your story, some details aren't suitable for sharing or publication. Please be considerate of readers' time and attention, and thoughtful about how your story can be helpful to others as they navigate their journey.

Stories featured across the ANA's platforms reflect the personal AN experience, perspectives, and opinions of the authors in an effort to increase awareness and provide a resource for support. The information and experiences shared in these stories should never take the place of professional medical advice.

## Our editorial process

The ANA will review all submissions. Your story may be edited for length, grammar, or style. Your photographs may be cropped for size and/or edited for clarity or style.

We retain the right to share patient stories, photographs, videos, and other submissions at our discretion across the ANA's digital and print platforms for communications and/or promotional purposes.

Submitting a story does not guarantee publication.

## Our commitment to our readers

We welcome your stories and honor your experiences. To get started, request our *Storytelling Toolkit* at editor@anausa.org.

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