

Mrs. Pat Nixon's doctors say she is in serious condition and suffering from some paralysis as the result of a stroke. I'm Eric Engberg [phonetic], reporting on the CBS radio network.

Mrs. Nixon was taken by ambulance this afternoon to Long Beach Memorial Hospital. She apparently suffered the stroke yesterday afternoon while sitting on the patio at her home in San Clemente. A neurologist treating the former First Lady, Dr. Jack Mosier, says the stroke has partially paralyzed her left side and impaired her speech.

Dr. Mosier [voice]: Her movements are hampered. She does have movements but they're limited. She has difficulty holding her leg against gravity. She has to walk with support and [there is] severe awkwardness in the use of her left arm. She has slowing of her speech because of partial paresis of the facial muscles.

Engberg: In response to questions from reporters Dr. Mosier said the pressure Mrs. Nixon and her family have been under for the last two years may have been a contributing factor to her sudden illness. The doctor said it is still too early to tell whether Mrs. Nixon's condition has stabilized or how full a recovery she will make. She will be in the hospital for at least the next ten days.

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