ONE MAN’S REMARKABLE MERCY EXPERIENCE

In June 2015, Todd Zwanziger suffered severe injuries following an ATV accident that left him unable to move the right side of his body.

When Todd arrived at Mercy Medical Center via Mercy One, he was immediately taken for a CT scan and an MRI. As the family waited, Amanda, Todd’s wife, said they were comforted by an “amazing chaplain” who helped their entire family — calling it “an important service” provided by Mercy.

Following the tests, Todd’s family was informed he had shattered his C6 vertebrae and fractured his C7 vertebrae.

Todd was taken into surgery just four hours after he arrived. Amanda called Dr. Henderson’s quick response, a “difference maker” in his recovery.

Following Todd’s surgery, he remained in the Intensive Care Unit for a week. Amanda described the care and encouragement they received from Peg and Anne from Physical Therapy as “simply the best.” She was grateful for the time they took to teach her family exercises they could do with Todd at home.

After just eight days, Todd progressed from having no movement on the right side of his body to walking with the help of a walker.

After his release from Mercy, he was transferred to a rehabilitation center where he was sent home in half the time than was originally anticipated.

Today, Todd is walking well and continues to receive outpatient care from Mercy Riverside Rehab.

Todd made an amazing recovery due in part to the extraordinary actions taken by his Mercy care team. Amanda said they had a “miraculous experience” at Mercy.

Todd’s story is just one example of the Remarkable Mercy Experience we strive to create every day for everyone we care for.
Recognize your colleagues who go above and beyond

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2016 Spirit of Mercy Award, created to recognize the outstanding efforts of Mercy colleagues who demonstrate professional and personal standards exemplifying Mercy’s Mission and Vision.

Detailed nomination forms are available and may be completed online at www.mercydesmoines.org/spirit-of-mercy-award or on MercyNet. Paper copies of the form are available within the Administration offices of Mercy Medical Center, Mercy West Lakes, Mercy – Centerville and Skiff Medical Center. The deadline to submit nominations is March 21.

Multiple Sclerosis Society honors Ruan Neurology Clinic staff

Congratulations to Dr. Bruce Hughes and Valerie Stickel-Diehl of Mercy’s Ruan Neurology Clinic! Both received awards for their contributions to the local Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society and served on a panel of experts to discuss the latest updates in care at the Multiple Sclerosis annual conference. We’re privileged to have dedicated colleagues who go above and beyond to care for our MS patients.

Catholic youth group donates blankets for young patients

Mercy recently accepted a donation of 23 fleece blankets from the young adult Catholic group, Novos, representing the Diocese of Des Moines. All blankets were in patterns and prints specifically for children, and they will be used for patients in Mercy Children’s Hospital. Special thanks to this group for their efforts to provide warmth and love to our youngest patients.

WHAT’S UP?

SPECIAL CALCIUM SCORING OFFER DURING AMERICAN HEART MONTH

In celebration of American Heart Month, Iowa Heart Center is offering its calcium scoring screening for only $75 (regularly $99) in February. This screening consists of a quick, painless CT scan of the coronary arteries (called calcium scoring) and, if requested, an in-depth risk assessment with a nurse practitioner specializing in cardiology. Patients are asked to a recent fasting lipid profile with them if they would like a cardiac risk assessment completed at the time their visit.

Calcium scoring is for men and women 75 and younger and is not for people with known heart disease or prior positive score. People must have two or more risk factors to qualify for the scan. This offer is valid for staff, patients and the general public for tests scheduled on or before Feb. 29.

To schedule an appointment, call (515) 633-3600. For more information, visit http://www.iowaheart.com/services/preventive-cardiology-center/calcium-scoring/.

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