

Kathleen Medical Status, 4/29/2014

If you are just reading this, please consider reviewing the Kathleen Medical Status, 4/21/2014 and 4/25/2014, previously sent out and posted on FACEBOOK.

Kathleen made great progress once we found her in the fog she had been in through the last report. Saturday, Sunday, and Monday the Physical Therapy (PT) team got her up on her feet, increased the amount of shuffling, then walking before she sat up in a recliner type chair with bent legs doing leg lifts. Monday, Dr. Jayesh B. Patel was back from vacation and really began to move things along with close watch on medications, lab reports, etc. He decided she could move to Marlton Rehabilitation Hospital (REHAB) if they could find a bed for her. Linda Stockl, RN, from REHAB showed up within minutes, gave the REHAB sales pitch, told us about the expansion to the 3rd floor and said she would have a bed there, 308 Door, late in the afternoon.

Kathleen was transferred as scheduled about 5:30 PM.

The intake process was long and tedious for Kathleen but she had a good night's rest after all was completed.

They got her up this morning for what they call Activities of Daily Living (ADL) a special form of Occupational Therapy (OT) at 7:30 AM and worked her in that program until I got there about 9:15 AM. Kathleen was glowing with satisfaction that she is on the road to recovery.

She had a good breakfast and lunch but still has to get her appetite back.

Her PT evaluation took place from 11:30 AM to 12:30 AM and the PT Supervisor was please with where she was and will set up a good PT program based on what she saw.

Her second PT was from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM and she was ready for a nap on return.

Because REHAB is an acute rehab facility they will not be able to keep Kathleen for the full length of her required IV antibiotic routine. We will have to find another rehab facility and probably use POWERBACK.

My biggest concern is that they get Kathleen operating on both legs before they send her home where I have to lift her and maneuver her to the bathroom.

Kathleen is able to communicate on her cell phone, 1-856-261-4974, or via e-mail, pfmckmw@verizon.net when she is not at PT or napping.

I suggest hold the phone calls until evening and be patient for e-mail responses.

Thanks for all the prayers and good thoughts.