

Kathleen Medical Status, Friday, 7/25/2014

If you are just reading this, please consider reviewing the Kathleen Medical Status, 6/28/2014, 6/13/2014, 6/8/2014, 5/26/2014, 5/10/2014, 5/4/2014, 4/29/2014, 4/25/2014 and 4/21/2014, previously sent out and posted on FACEBOOK as well as on a web page at <http://www.pfmc.info/KathleenHealth.htm>.

Kathleen has been progressing nicely in PowerBack Rehabilitation Room 305 with great help to roll from side to side, to sit up on the edge of the bed, and to transfer from bed to wheelchair and back to bed.

She is not happy with life with a straight left leg and the need to wear a diaper because she cannot get out of bed without at least 3 staff helpers.

With excellent staff help she has been able to sit up in a wheelchair for more time each day. The time is around 5 hours for most of the days this past week. With this ability she is able to visit the "Gym" for both Occupational Therapy (OT) and Physical Therapy (PT). They are working with her ability to stand on the right leg and pivot so the transfers from bed to wheelchair and back are more under her control. Her standing time is increasing every day. Some days she is able to pivot from bed to wheelchair without much help. She is usually so tired by the time to get back into bed the pivot on her right leg needs a lot of help.

Today the antibiotics she has been on since 6/13/2014 have been discontinued.

On Thursday, 7/31/2014, Dr. Wetzler will tap her left knee to view and test the fluid for infection. If it is clear and does not grow cultures, he will schedule surgery to remove the concrete spacer material and perform another metal and plastic knee replacement. This could be done sometime in early August.

Kathleen is able to communicate on her cell phone, 1-856-261-4974.

I check her e-mail, pfmckmw@verizon.net when I have time for that.

We suggest holding the phone calls until the evenings when I can be with her and being patient for her voice or e-mail responses.

Thanks for all the prayers and good thoughts.

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