

Celebrate Rehab SUCCESS

We are pleased to share another wonderful success story from:

The Bay at North Ridge Health and Rehabilitation

Eric De Larwelle

Admitting Diagnosis: J96.02 Acute Respiratory Failure with hypercapnia

Admission Date: 2/25/19

Discharge Date: 8/2/19

Discharge Location: Home

Success Story

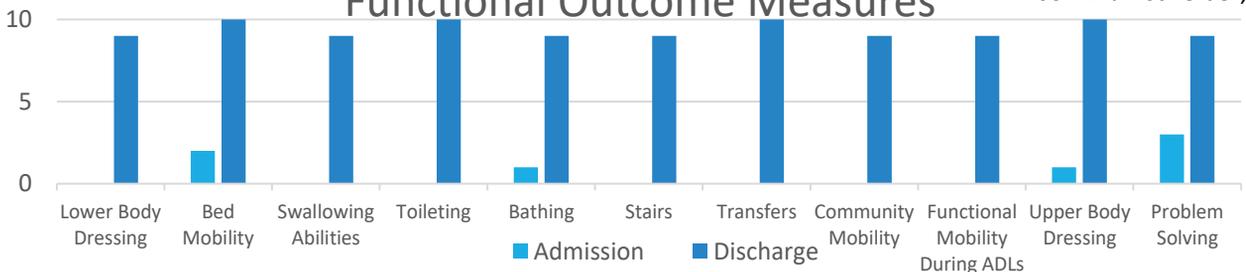
Eric first came to our facility in February following a lengthy and complicated hospitalization. In November 2018, he was hospitalized due to myasthenia gravis crisis complicated by respiratory failure and sepsis. He had a trach and feeding tube placed in December and required 24/7 ventilator support. In January 2019, Eric was transferred to an LTACH facility for ventilator weaning and post acute care. Once stable, he arrived at The Bay at North Ridge for continued respiratory care and rehab. At admission, he required 24/7 ventilator support and total assist with all aspects of his self cares. Eric was unable to sit at the edge of his bed unsupported and tolerated very short periods of time sitting in a reclining chair. He required a hooyer lift for transfers. Over the course of his stay at North Ridge, he had other medical complications requiring rehospitalizations.

Eric participated in speech therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy during his entire stay. Although there was slow progress initially due to high medical complexity, he overcame every obstacle thrown in his path. Speech therapy addressed his swallowing and cognition with excellent gains noted. His cognition has returned to normal and he is able to eat and drink most foods with slight modifications. During occupational therapy, the focus was on improving upper body strength, coordination, and endurance. He also participated in training to improve his safety and independence with self cares. He is now able to complete all dressing, bathing, toileting, and simple home management tasks independently. In physical therapy, Eric worked on strengthening his legs, improving his balance, and increasing his endurance. As a result of PT, he progressed from a hooyer lift, to a 2 person pivot with a walker, to a 1 person pivot with a walker, and finally to walking safely and independently with the use of a 4 wheeled walker for long distances and no device for short distances. His balance scores improved from the high fall risk category to the no fall risk category. Following months of hard work and incredible progress, Eric is finally returning home with his wife and dog.



Functional Outcome Measures

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