

SUCCESS STORY

The Rehabilitation Center

Anderson Hospital

Billy Ross

Admitting Diagnosis: Stroke

Admission Date: 07-02-2018

Discharge Date: 07-13-2018

Discharge Location: Home

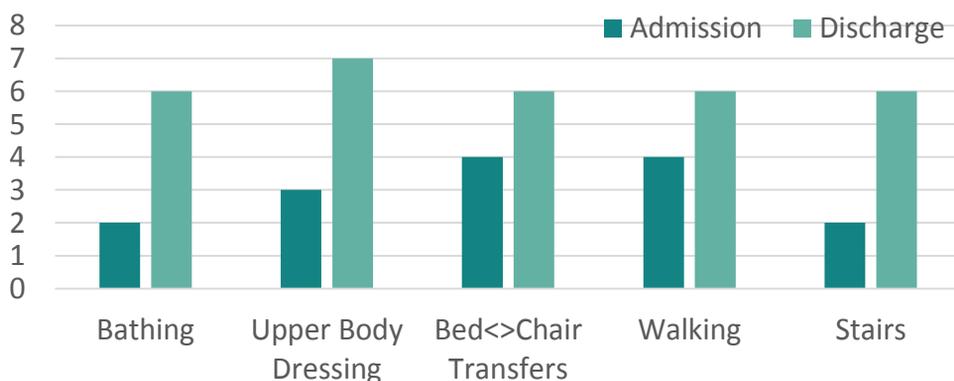


Billy's Success Story: In His Own Words

Billy explained, "I woke up one morning and my right arm was completely paralyzed. I got up and couldn't keep my balance. I knew something was definitely wrong. My wife took me to the hospital in Granite City. They were going to transfer me to St. Louis, but we wanted some place closer. We knew this was a good hospital, so I was glad they took me as a patient." Billy was treated on the medical floor and then transferred to acute inpatient rehabilitation. "The people here have been great. They are all so friendly and so helpful. There have been a few times I just about gave up on this arm, but they told me not to. They insisted that there was a good possibility that my right arm might get back to completely normal," Billy said. His wife added, "Right before the therapists saw him, his arm was hanging down and he said to me, 'I'll never use this arm again.' The therapists came in and looked at the situation and they told him, 'We can help you.' Within three days, there was an amazing difference. After a week...it's just been a miracle. I never dreamt that he could recover the way he has." Billy finished, "I'm getting stronger every day. The therapists and the nursing care have been magnificent. I couldn't have asked for better. I guarantee that (people who have had a stroke) can benefit from rehab. I'm living proof. You just can't give up."

Outcomes

Billy discharged home after an 11-day rehab stay. During this stay, he went from requiring maximal assistance with bathing and moderate assistance with dressing to being completely independent. He progressed from needing 25% assist to get into a chair to being completely independent. He went from walking 175 feet with 25% assistance to walking >700 feet independently with a cane. The following reflect Billy's functional gains on a 0-7 scale (Functional Independence Measure), where higher scores indicate greater independence.



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