

To the UK HealthCare doctors, nurses and staff who cared for me, and to the many people who prayed for my recovery:

Having never been a patient in a hospital except for the birth of my 3 children now ages 29, 25 and 22 this was new experience. Gratefully I have no memory of my time as a patient at UK, my family has plenty. I know from the stories I have been told that my husband, children and 5 siblings were a constant presence. I have asked them all about their experience at UK, my workplace. My daughter shared that after Dr. Grupke, my neurosurgeon, shared some possible concerning news with the family he said, "Do not consult Dr. Google on this...it will scare you needlessly." My children googled everything about my injury and treatment and it scared them more than necessary. Dr. Grupke knew from his own residency experience how dangerous Google can be for families who are already suffering. I have been so grateful for that advice and concern for my children when I could not comfort them myself.

The nurses were outstanding and always took time to explain what they were planning to do and what they were looking for. My husband said, "They were anticipating possible problems and complications and working to head them off. They always seemed prepared to take action before anything bad happened. They were outstanding."

My family told me Dr. Tibbs, neurologist, checked in on me regularly. I worked with Dr. Tibbs 36 years ago as a nurse on the ortho/neuro floor at UK. Then as now he cared deeply for his patients and their families.

Dr. Karpf assisted my husband with flight options from France to UK when time was critical. Known for his role as a visionary leader, he is still a dedicated physician at heart. He looked in on me as he does so many employees who are hospitalized, also caring for my family. Something I will always remember.

Dr. Bernert, my PMR doctor was closely engaged with every step of my improvement at Cardinal Hill Hospital (Laura, she is a UK doctor) always caring for me and my family.

Dr. Pat McGrath, a close family friend, helped explain to my family what was happening to me in France. Upon arrival back in Lexington he continued to check on me.

I am now aware of many other staff members who checked on me and prayed for me. I am forever grateful.

My physical and occupational therapists were extraordinary. They pushed me appropriately and always encouraged me on my path to recovery.

A special thank you to the employees of the pastoral care department. Your love, support and encouragement will always be remembered with deepest appreciation.

Thanks to all my hospital colleagues for your care, concern and prayer. Frequently as

professionals we never hear or know the results of our work. I am so glad to thank you now and I will be thanking you for a long time to come.

Gratefully,
Laura Babbage