

SUCCESS STORY

Gary Williams

Admitting Diagnosis: Left Below-the-Knee Amputation

Admission Date: 07-29-2018

Discharge Date: 08-10-2018

Discharge Location: Home with Outpatient Services

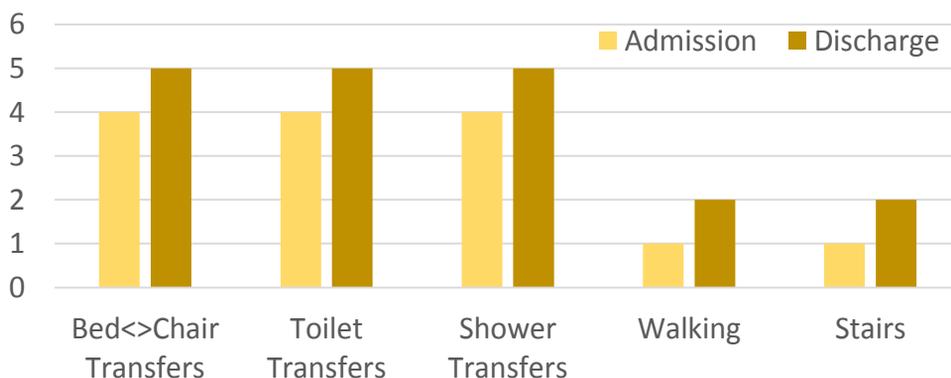


Gary's Success Story: In His Own Words

"I have had issues with my left leg for a long time. Thirty years ago, I was bit by a brown recluse spider and had surgery on my foot. Three years ago, I was walking in the sand in Chicago, and the wound opened back up. It healed to a point, but then stopped. Recently, I went to the hospital for what I thought was an infection, but it turned out to be worse. My doctor said I had cancer in my foot, so the decision was made to amputate," Gary said. "After that, I knew I needed intensive therapy. I chose Anderson Hospital for rehab because it was in Illinois and it could give me the three hours of therapy a day that I needed. I'm an active person and I like to be up and about, so any less than the three hours was not going to work for me. I am glad that I made the choice to come here. The size of the unit here is really nice. Because it is pretty small, you get more individualized help and training. The facility is clean, and it is a pleasant environment. The people here have been outstanding, easy to work with, and have a lot of patience. Everyone is friendly and treats you like one of their own. My therapists and nurses did not treat me like a patient--they treated me like family."

Outcomes

Gary discharged home after a 13-day rehab stay. During his stay, he progressed from needing minimal assistance (25%) to transfer to standing and to get into a chair to requiring stand-by assistance. He went from walking 40 feet with minimal assistance (25%) to walking 120 feet with someone just standing nearby. He went from being able to do one stair with 50% assistance to doing 4 steps with stand-by assistance. After discharge, he transitioned to outpatient therapy services. The following reflect Gary's functional gains on a 0-7 scale (Functional Independence Measure), where higher scores indicate greater independence.



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