

February 9, 2011

E-mail from Rod concerning Bonnie:

After a visit to the pulmonologist last week, he determined via x-ray and listening that Bonnie needed to have fluid drained from the pleural cavity on her left side. She had a thoracentesis yesterday. In her words, they stick a hose in your back and suck out the fluid. Anyway, they did the procedure and drained out over a liter of fluid. She is hurting, but is using her spirometer to expand her lung into the space which held the fluid. She should be able to get deeper breaths in the near future. According to the doctor, about 25% of open heart surgery patients require this procedure. Now we understand why the pulmonologist was part of the team of doctors assigned to Bonnie in the hospital.

Today she signed up for the monitored rehab that you recommended. Pending final clearance from the pulmonologist next Tuesday, she has an orientation meeting on Friday and then will start rehab the following week.

Rod

January 10, 2011

I just got off the phone with Bonnie. She is the phone person and Rod is the e-mail person. Bonnie got home Friday and their daughter left yesterday. Bonnie says that Rod is doing a great job of taking care of her. She says that other than feeling like she has been run over by a big truck, she is doing fine. Her voice was strong and she sounded really well. She will be having a home nurse check in on her and plans to do cardiac rehab. So all in all, it sounds as though she is doing very well and is on the road to recovery.

She also thanked me and everyone who has sent her cards.

Jim McD

January 4, 2011

Jim & MLU,

Bonnie is doing amazingly well. Today at 3pm they transferred her to a regular surgical recovery floor. Our pastor came to visit and couldn't believe that she was transferred so soon. He came to the ICU to see her and she wasn't there. All the doctors tell us she is recovering very well. She has good skin color where they didn't cover her with betadine, and her face is not swollen. She transfers with help from bed to a chair, goes to the bathroom with help, and complains about little things like her skin sticking to the chair. She is sleepy, but alert enough to answer questions and carry on a conversation. She received many calls on Saturday and Sunday. All were appreciated. Thank you for your kind thoughts and prayers.

Rod

January 3, 2011

Jim and Marylou,

Bonnie had a quadruple bypass this morning as scheduled. All went fine, and the ICU nurse said that all her vital signs are good. Barbara and I saw her briefly at about 1pm. She was still asleep with a breathing tube down her throat, but her color was very good and her face was not swollen much at all. We will go back to see her this evening when she is awake and hopefully with the breathing tube removed. Her doctor estimated that she will be in

the ICU for 2 days and the cardiac care unit for 3-4 days before she comes home. I will send more later.

Rod

December 27, 2010

I received word from Bonnie & Rod McClure that Bonnie will be having a bypass operation on January 3, 2011 in Orlando. Please keep Bonnie & Rod in your thoughts and prayers for a successful operation and a quick and complete recovery. I will pass on any news from Rod.

Jim McD