



Another Northeast Rehab success story from Mass General Hospital...

Name: Diana Nicholas
Diagnosis: Brain injury with multiple fractures
Case Manager: Lisa Wilson
Admitted on: September 15, 2011
Discharged on: September 27, 2011

Diana, age 22, was struck by a motor vehicle while a pedestrian and spent two weeks at MGH. With a brain injury and multiple fractures, she required 1/1 supervision and assistance with activities of daily living when first admitted to Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital in Salem, NH. She was experiencing word-finding difficulties making her frustrated and hesitant to express herself.

Upon discharge, Diana had made tremendous gains in all areas. She showed great improvement in insight, verbal expression, socialization, mobility and performance of daily activities. As part of her therapy she took an out-trip with our therapeutic recreation staff to the mall and purchased a bright red pocketbook.

Diana was described by staff as being “highly motivated with a great attitude”. She is happy to be returning home to celebrate her 23rd birthday next month. While she described her experience as frustrating and aggravating at times, she is “glad to be alive” and doing so well.

Because of her positive experience as an inpatient, Diana will be returning to NRH for outpatient speech therapy despite the extra travel time involved from her home in Massachusetts. Both she and her mother feel she will get the best care here in hopes that she will return very soon to selling hats in Cambridge.

“Thank you to all the amazing and beautiful people at NRH for helping me reach my goals.”

