

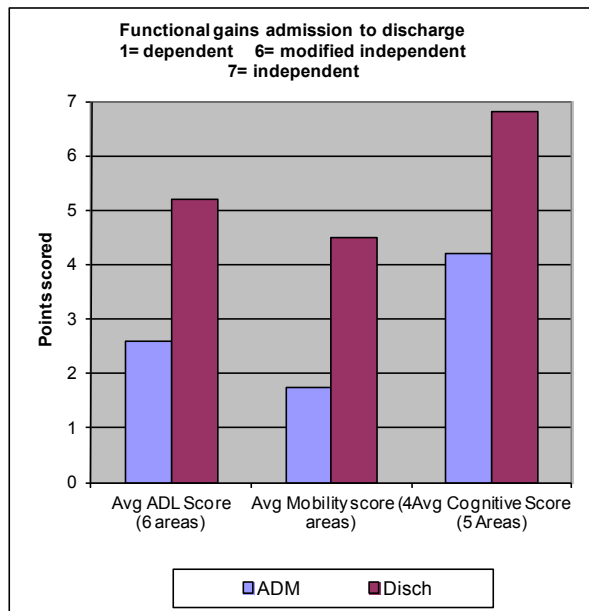


Another Northeast Rehab success story from Mass General Hospital

Name: Lois Hall
 Diagnosis: Spina bifida and numerous spinal surgeries and CSF leaks, severe impairment of pulmonary functions/P L5-S1 microsurgical foraminotomy
 Age: 55
 Case Manager: Ann Wiggins
 Admitted on: November 3, 2011
 Discharged on: November 21, 2011

Lois has an extensive history of spinal problems affecting all levels of her spine. Her first spinal surgery was at age three and she has had several subsequent surgeries since that date including three surgeries in the same year for scoliosis. She also has a history of severe pulmonary function impairment requiring oxygen.

On October 27th Lois underwent a right-sided L5-S1 microsurgical foraminotomy. When Lois was admitted to NRHN she had no feeling or strength in her legs, little bowel management and was wheelchair dependent. She needed assistance with bathing, grooming and dressing.



After each of her surgeries, Lois would develop paralysis. This was the first time that Lois received rehab services after surgery and she attributes her expedited recovery to the therapy she received at NRHN. Upon discharge, she was ambulating long distances with a walker and had improved bowel control. Lois was encouraged that she no longer needed her wheelchair and was moving closer to an independent lifestyle.

Despite her complex medical history, she remained motivated and encouraged by all the progress she has made due to the extensive array of therapies and nursing services at NRHN. "The team has been amazing here. The physicians listen and respect my knowledge of my condition. All staff are respectful, courteous and always responsive when I need help of any kind", says Lois.



"If I had only one thing to say about NRHN it is that they are outstanding in every aspect. I am truly glad to be here."

