

A Kindred Success Story



Kindred Hospital
Pittsburgh - North Shore

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Mr. Shields: A Return to Independence

Mr. Shields was admitted to a short-term acute care hospital on August 16 for respiratory distress. Prior to his hospitalization, he lived independently. While hospitalized he sustained multiple medical complications including respiratory failure requiring a tracheotomy, pneumonia, PEG tube, high fevers and malignant hypothermia, a rare life-threatening condition that is usually triggered by exposure to certain drugs used for general anesthesia.

Mr. Shields was admitted to Kindred Hospital Pittsburgh – North Shore for continued care on September 8. He was on a ventilator, non-verbal, and dependent for all mobility and self care. Kindred's interdisciplinary team of doctors, nurses, specialists and therapists evaluated Mr. Shields and designed a treatment plan tailored to his needs.

Mr. Shields continued to receive all nutrition/hydration via a G-tube. He began receiving physical, occupational and speech therapy. He was weaned from the ventilator, and had stabilized medically. No longer requiring high intensity medical care, Mr. Shields was transferred to the Kindred Subacute Unit

on September 24 for ongoing rehabilitation. There, he received intensive therapy and medical attention while remaining in the continuum of care at Kindred Hospital Pittsburgh – North Shore.

On October 11, Mr. Shields was discharged home to his community. He was walking over 800 feet without a device, independent with all self-care, managing a regular diet and demonstrating functional communication and cognition.

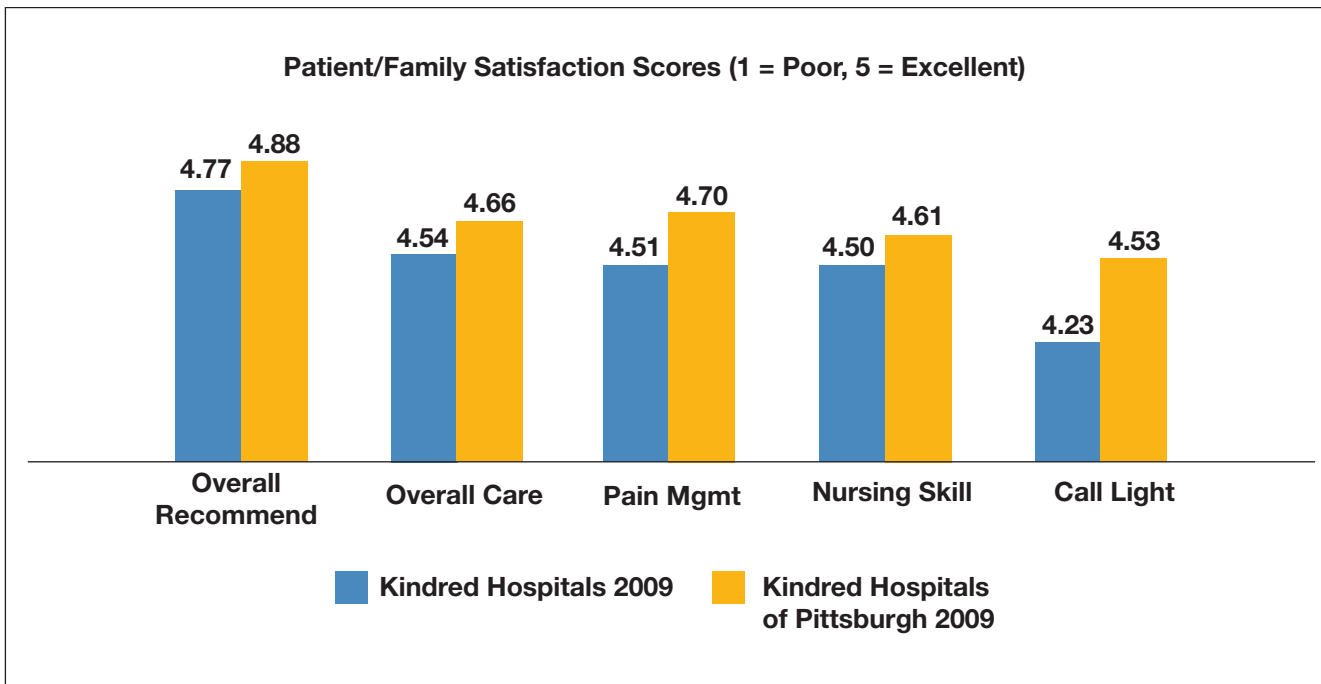
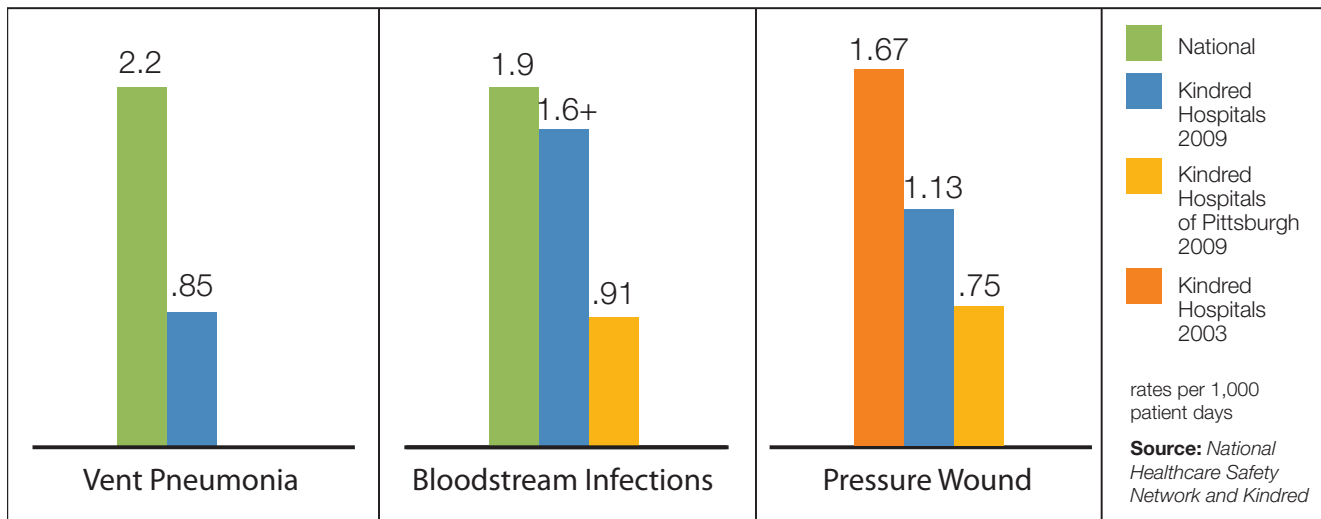
Kindred Hospital Pittsburgh – North Shore and the North Shore Subacute Unit are proud to have been given the opportunity to take care of this wonderful patient. Kindred Hospital Pittsburgh – North Shore's success in our endeavor to provide patient care excellence is apparent in stories like this as well as in our quality scores – 94. 6 percent of our patients and families recommend Kindred.

Quality care statistics on reverse side.

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