

Letter to the Editor Chronicle-Independent September 2, 2015

Letter: Reader praises PT group

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I recently started to nominate a small group of employees at KershawHealth for a "Daisy" Award. I was stopped when I learned this prestigious award is only for individual nurses. Therefore, I decided to write a letter to the Chronicle-Independent to highlight this group's performance for our citizens.

The outpatient physical therapy group at KershawHealth does an excellent job of rehabilitating their patients. Physical therapists Amy Faulkenberry; Christina Riggan; and Daryl Ussry, who divides his time between out and in patient therapy, embody the National Physical Therapy Association attributes that highlight the banner posted at the entrance of their facility: "The Science of Healing" and the "Art of Caring." Their work is supported and enhanced by the work of Roberta Dewitt, who manages the scheduling and prepares the treatment areas for therapy sessions.

I have had the good fortune of working with these people on two occasions in recent years after having joint replacements. I have never seen any of them in a bad mood. They are always smiling and welcome their patients as if they will be the highlight of their day. They work well together and assist each other when needed. They sprinkle the therapy attributes with a good bit of psychology that makes you feel you are doing the best work possible to facilitate your therapy.

I commend them for making their customers/patients their top priority.

I am sure there are other small groups at the hospital that do outstanding work. They all make a community hospital a friendly place to be when you need care and we can all be proud of their work.

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