

*Dear Transplant Nurse Professional :*

*Thank you for all you do to help transplant recipients in their time of need.*

*I received a kidney transplant at Shands Gainesville over 16 years ago and I am still thankful for the care I received there from the nurses. What amazed me the most was the education they gave me about having a transplant and things I needed to be aware of. They encouraged me to study the handouts as I would need to pass a test before I would be released from the hospital. During my stay they would ask me questions about what I was reading to make sure I understood what I was reading.*

*They made me aware of all the meds that I was required to take and stressed the compliance issues. Then they would test me about each pill they gave me. Ask questions like which pill I was taking and its purpose. The lesson I learned most in the hospital was to check to make sure I was taking all my meds. Towards the end of my stay they would leave out pills and if I didn't tell them what pills they didn't give me, I was in big trouble. Even today as I set up my pills for the week, I can't tell what the last med is that I need to add. I still make a habit of looking at all the pills to make sure I am taking them all before I swallow them. I think a good part of the success of my transplant is the things that I learned from my transplant nurses.*

*The care I received was excellent and their upbeat nature was a big plus in my recovery. Thank you again transplant nurses for all that you do to make transplantation a success.*

*J J Rhodes*

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