

Dear transplant nurse,

I had my single lung transplant in June 2006 at Columbia Presbyterian in New York City. I was very fortunate that everything went smoothly and I was only hospitalized for eight days. The nursing staff was wonderful. Every single nurse there - whether specifically assigned to me or not - made me feel as if I was his/her highest priority. They made my hospital to home transition well-informed, comfortable, and anxiety-free.

Even though I was only with the transplant nurses for eight days, each time I return to the transplant floor to visit a friend, to say thank you on my anniversary, whenever - each of the nurses greets me by name and with great fondness. They are delighted to watch all transplant patients go about our lives and are so pleased when we drop in to share news of our progress.

Each of those transplant nurses is a major reason that so many of us succeed on our transplant journey. They get us off to a great start. It is their professional expertise and personal support that makes all the difference.

*Thanks to all the nurses at Columbia-Presbyterian -
And thanks to all transplant nurses everywhere!*

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