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Attn: Teresa Kamps

Re: POWERWAND

I am writing on behalf of my relative Claude Davis, who is currently a patient at Florida Hospital South (FH) – Orlando, Florida. Mr. Davis is a patient who transferred from Orlando Regional Medical Center (ORMC) challenged with liver disease. He was admitted to Florida Hospital on October 21, 2011. When admitted to ORMC, Mr. Davis was given a normal IV line. That line became very fragile, as well as Mr. Davis's arm from multiple needle sticks. I expressed a concern to his nurse and requested that some other method of IV be considered to ease his discomfort when undergoing lab draws.

During his stay at ORMC, he was presented with a new device called a POWERWAND. The procedure was done on October 17, 2011. We were told it would be good for multiple uses for up to 30 days. The IV team performed the procedure in a relatively short period of time. I asked my uncle if the procedure was painful. He replied "no, only felt a little pressure". It was very comforting for me to know that he had a line for routine labs that would last more than a few days and be pain free for him.

I became concerned when it was time for him to be transferred to Florida Hospital. I asked the nurse if they would be removing the POWERWAND because it was my understanding that Florida Hospital was not currently using this device. She said she had informed the receiving nurse at Florida Hospital and it would be left in place. I was very happy to know that someone at FH was knowledgeable to maintain the line. So far, I don't know of any problems with it.

Having been a patient before myself, I wish a device like this one had been available. I believe it will be well appreciated by any patient with an extended hospital stay. I hope it becomes the device of the future in all of our hospitals.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Teresa Patterson