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Regarding Bruce E. Todd last 4 of SS 6311

My son was admitted to Peidmont Medical Center in Rock Hill, SC with shortness of breath and edema on 12/25/2014. Bruce was supposed to be discharged on the 28th but we were called and told he had gotten an infection and could not go home. They could not identify the infection. New Years day we were told he was being discharged. The aide/ nurse had a difficult time getting him into the car. On the way home he was hallucinating wanting to put tickets on dogs and thinking crop dusters were going over.

When we got to his apartment he was unable to stand and we noticed his edema was worse than when he was admitted to the hospital. He was unable to stand let alone walk the few feet to his apartment. My daughter put his legs back in the car and we headed for Dorn VA in Columbia, SC. Bruce was unable to get on the stretcher so they had to get a lift to help him.

When he was admitted to Dorn we noticed how filthy he was. Doctors, nurses, urologist---everyone could not believe how bad off he was mentally and physically. . Bruce was sure he was dying. everyone who came in contact with him was amazed at how dirty he was. We asked that it be documented.

Within an hour he was bathed at Dorn.

We realize he is not well. He has a bad hip so he is unable to walk or

exercise. He can go a few feet with crutches.

We believe his infection came from lack of care

We also noticed several of the medical personell talking and playing games on cell phonesthis was at both hospitals. Could this be why patients are not getting good care or getting bathed?

Hopefully Bruce will never have to go back to Piedmont. What an inhumane way to treat a veteran!Dorn went into high gear to treat my son. Also while he was at Piedmont he tried to get up and pulled a muscle in his back. It was an educated guess not xrayed or tested.

I needed to let someone know and hopefully it will save another vet from going through these indignities. Thank you for your time.

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AN UPDATE

My son is still at CMC Charlotte. The doctors there did not see him as a piece of meat to be ignored and finally got to the bottom of his recurring infection. He has lesions on his spine.....which should have been detected at Piedmont when he was in horrible pain. Then on the same day he was dischared from Piedmont and we took him immediately to Dorn VA in Columbia because he could not stand and walk they also dismissed his pain and did not treat his infection or look to the cause. Now the VA is telling us they will not pay for his treatment at CMC. We followed all the guidelines.

His care at CMC has been exceptional and he has now been in rehab. He has been able to lift his legs Wheree was the VA in all of this.....how many others have been pushed out the door with inadaquate care. I feel the VA should pay if they are unable to provide the care. My son could not have made the trip to the VA in Columbia. His pain was so great we could not take the risk.

Thank you for your time.

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