

Van Munching Patients to Try the AgileLife Bed



The Van Munching Rehabilitation Unit has acquired a system that enables bed-ridden patients to move in and out of bed easily, safely and quickly. The system, called AgileLife, is on loan for evaluation and was recently installed in Van Munching.

AgileLife aims to improve the lives of patients who cannot get into or out of bed on their own and typically rely on multiple caregivers and a complicated lift system just to be transferred to a wheelchair and to perform such basic functions as showering. The system uses motors and rollers to move a patient down the bed and into a wheelchair docked at the foot of the bed. Stamford Hospital is the first institution in the country to receive the system, which is also part of a trial for home use with the Connecticut Department of Social Services.



Clown "Doctors" Needed

Stamford Hospital is looking for former class clowns who would like an opportunity to make others laugh. Stamford Hospital's Health and Humor Associates (Haha) is a group of dedicated volunteers providing caring clown visits to our patients of all ages on a routine and special request basis. The Haha is looking to increase the size of the group to better serve our community.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a clown doctor of mirth, please contact **Nancy Cross** at (203) 966-1760 or nattycross@optonline.net, **Nan Waite** at (203) 348-5626 or ncwaite@aol.com or the **Volunteer Office** at ext. 7521 to schedule an interview.

Kudos to...

Cardiac Rehabilitation Center: The Tully Health Center's cardiac facility serves the patients in need of care and compassion. The members of your staff have been model examples of the special rehabilitation care. **Stefan Cercone, Chad Herzog, Kellie Hayes and Andrew J. Pflieger** must be commended.

Cardiac Care Unit: The care my mother received at the unit was outstanding. Surgeon **Dr. William Feng** and cardiac anesthesiologist **Dr. Samantha Jansson** exercised extraordinary care in managing her surgery and follow up. All nursing staff provided compassionate care, and two nurses, **Dana and Kate**, went above and beyond their duties and exhibited extraordinary patience and professionalism.