



Cory Labonte Thanks Spooner Health System

Cory Labonte was severely injured in the Cortec explosion last spring. He had extensive third degree burns on 50% of his body. After being released from the Miller-Dwan Medical Center in Duluth, he chose Spooner Health System for his rehabilitative care and has received both Occupational and Physical Therapy (P.T.).

Cory's first visit with Occupational Therapy (O.T.) was on May 2, 2008. At that time, he couldn't tolerate being touched on his arms or hands and he was not able to sit comfortably in a regular chair. For the first couple months, he had O.T. seven times a week which even included weekends. Cory's primary Occupational Therapist, Jeanne Prusak, O.T.R./L, Hand Specialist, strived to improve his overall function with desensitization, stretching, scar management, and strengthening. "I worked really hard to get his scars under control and to improve his strength," says Jeanne. "Here at SHS, we have several different therapy techniques available to use so we are able to meet the patient's individual needs. Ultrasound proved to be very beneficial for Cory. His scars are healed and his hand strength has improved by 90 lbs."

Cory returned to work full-time in September, 2008 and had his last therapy session in December 2008 after 20 P.T. visits and 106 O.T. visits.

"I credit how well I'm doing today to the quality care I received from the therapists at Spooner Health System. I know I wouldn't be where I am today without the O.T. that I received from my therapists, Jeanne and Renita. They not only helped me during my therapy sessions, but did whatever they could to make my everyday life more comfortable. With the approval of my Worker's Comp Insurance, Jeanne ordered several pieces of equipment for me to use at home such as an Alpha Stim Microcurrent unit which really helped me to relax so I could sleep and a paraffin wax bath to give comfort to my hands and arms."

"Jeanne and the other therapists clearly went beyond the expected to provide the best and quickest recovery possible. I will always be thankful for the quality care I received at Spooner Health System."

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