

Sorry it took me so long to respond. I know you will understand. First, a brief history. On 3 Jan she went to LaGrange Hospital. They treated her for double pneumonia on the 3 and 4. On the night of the 4th her body organs started to shut down (Heart, lungs, kidneys, etc). She was transported to Northwestern Memorial Hospital, where she was placed in the cardiac ICU they worked on her the 4th & 5th and found the heart not to be the cause of the problem. (When she got to NW her heart was only working at 20%) She was then transferred to the medical ICU where the doctors said "she may die tonight and we might never know the cause" She was on complete life support Ventilator, dialysis, the works. (She looked like 2 porcupines in heat.) Over the next 2 weeks she slowly came back, although there were set backs caused by high fever (104). Slowly she was removed from the various machines and various tubes were extracted. Finally, on 20 Jan the ventilator and feeding tubes were removed and she woke up. She had been removed from sedation on the 16th. It was not an easy task but that night after everyone had gone she was informed what had been going on for the last 3 weeks. On the 22nd at 5pm she was released from ICU and went to a recovery room where she stayed until the 25th when she was moved to the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago where she resides now. On the 30th she had a slight seizure and was taken back to the North Western Hospital Emergency Room and she was treated and released. Now back at the RIC she is doing fine learning to walk and talk and all the other things we take for granted. I cannot find the words to thank you for your prayers, calls, Emails, and words of encouragement. My family thanks you from the bottom of our hearts.