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MEMORANDUM

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Sometimes we get overwhelmed with the routine nature of our work. All of us at times wonder whether we truly make a difference. The answer is yes, you do make a difference. On April 5, 2009, you all helped care for a 12 year old with a rapidly deteriorating neurological status due to an expanding epidural hematoma. Through efficient and effective care, this child was treated maximally to protect his brain and transferred to the LSU Interim Public Hospital in New Orleans within an hour of presentation to the Chabert Emergency Department.

On arrival at the LSU-IPH (formerly University) he was in the OR in less than 10 minutes. This was thanks to Dr. Alice Cherqui and Dr. Edward Halton. This preparation and efficiency was exceptional.

I am happy to report that his neurological status has continued to improve from being comatose at the time of the transfer to being able to follow commands. This near miracle would not have occurred without the excellent work of all involved. He is expected to continue to improve.

It may take a village to raise a child, but it takes a great team to save one.

You made a difference.

Thanks for getting it perfect.