



A Family's Experience with Harm in the Social Media Age

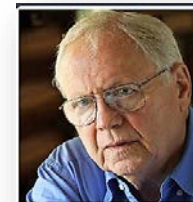
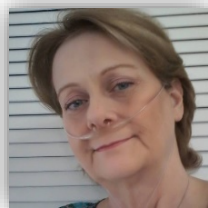


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Change Agents



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Preventable Adverse Events
A Family Tragedy

Health Watch USA Meeting
September 15, 2016



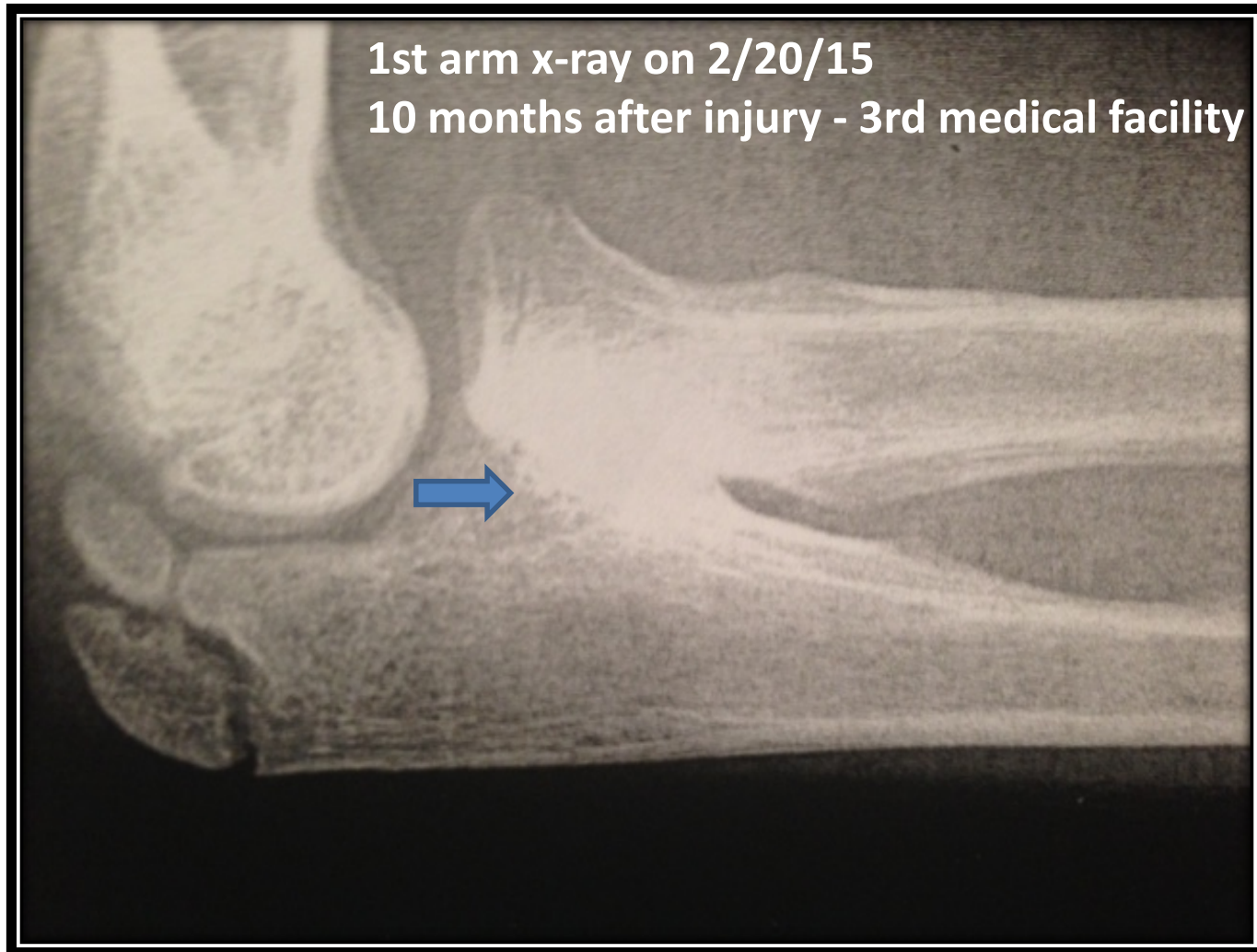


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Radioulnar synostosis

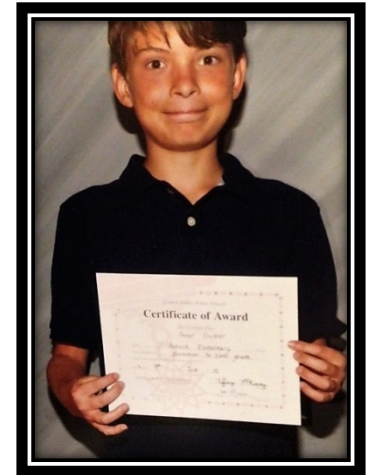
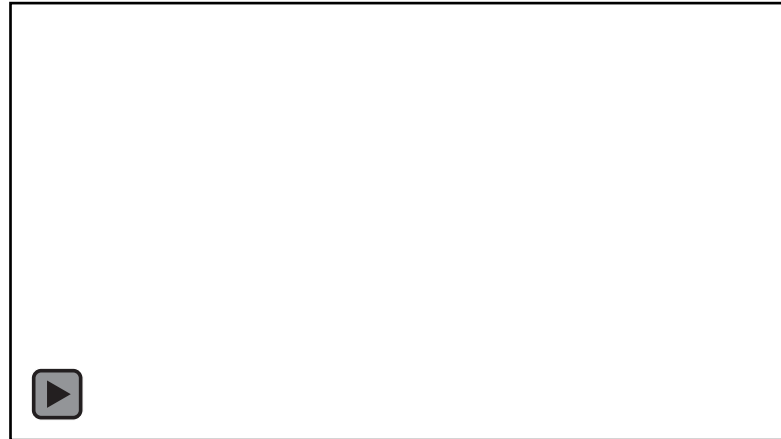


Post traumatic radioulnar synostosis

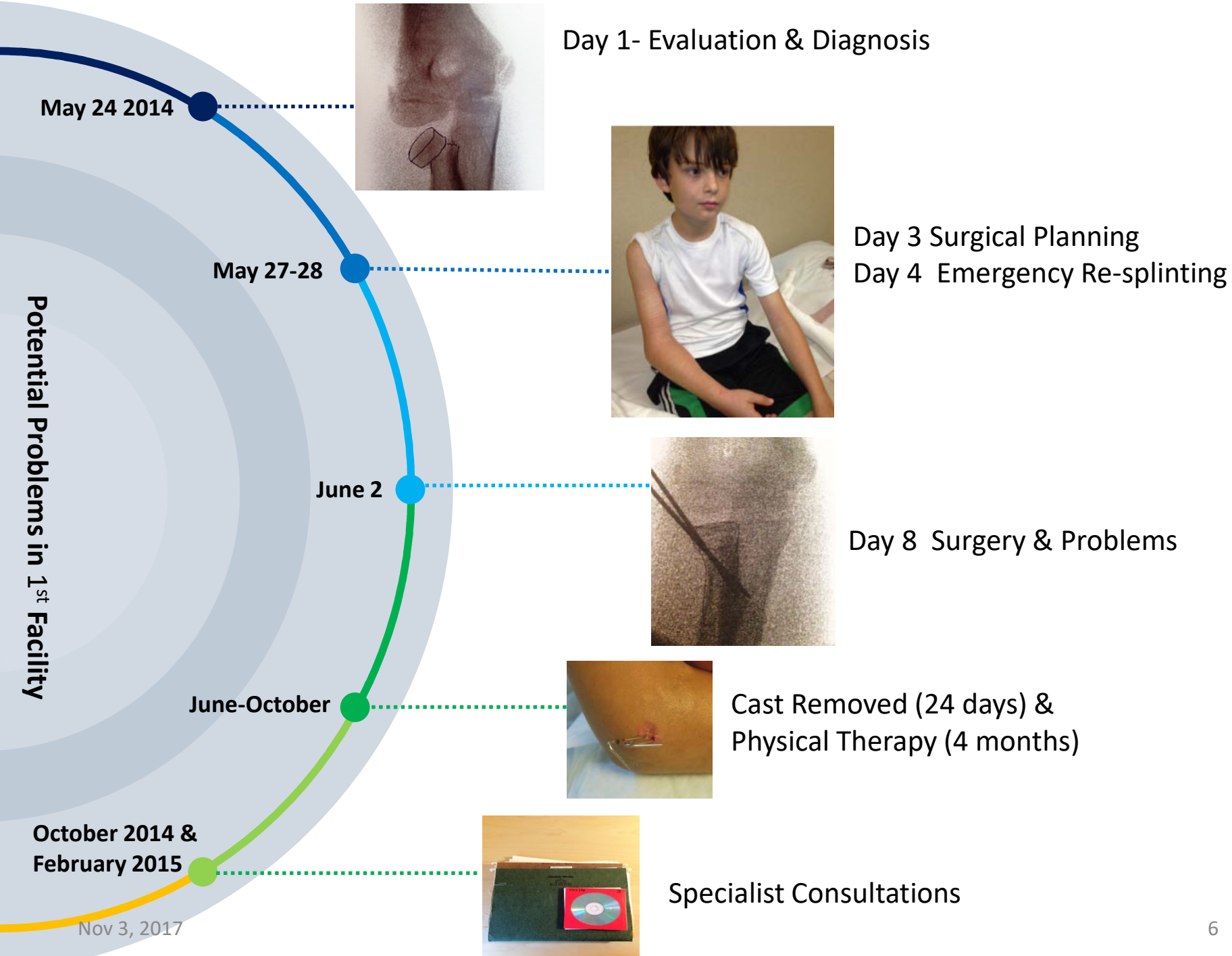
- Symptoms- loss of arm rotation
- Rare fusion of radius and ulna in forearm



Keyboarding



-5° pronation



The impact on family

- Everyone lost trust in big medicine
- Peter (physical, emotional, adjustments, future)
- Dave (sleep, sadness, adjustments)
- Emily (physical, emotional, patient advocacy)



What helped most?



Honesty reduces doubts, guilt and improves physical & emotional states.

Everyone needs this!

What do we do for Peter and others?

- Patient reported questionnaires?
- School 504 physical disability plan & then what?
- State Medical Board?
- Medical Facility Patient Advocate?
- Court?
- Something else?



Social media patient advocacy

Transparency, root cause analyses & help others!



Pressure to change!



May each of us work to make the 21st century better!

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