



CRAWFORD COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

CCMH ER PROVIDES PARKER WITH ORGAN SAVING TREATMENT

“The pain that I was in, I was dreading an ambulance ride back to Omaha. I had faith in the doctors at CCMH. I knew they could take care of me. I had no doubt.”

That’s Marsha Parker of Dow City describing her experience at Crawford County Memorial Hospital.



What caused Parker to come to the CCMH Emergency Room was a urinary tract infection (UTI). Some years before, she had had her bladder removed due to cancer and underwent a urostomy. A urostomy diverts urine away from the kidneys to the outside of the body through a stoma.

Parker was diagnosed with an infection in her kidneys called pyelonephritis, which if untreated, can cause permanent kidney damage.

“Now the doctor in the ER - this is how much I love your hospital - he wanted to send me to Omaha by ambulance because he didn’t think I could be treated at CCMH. He was concerned about having the necessary people and equipment to treat it. I begged him and I told him I didn’t want to go to Omaha. So, he talked with my doctors in Omaha and they gave him a plan of action to follow, and from what the doctors in Omaha told them and what they decided themselves at CCMH, I was cured.”

“The doctors and the nurses were wonderful. They admitted me immediately and started IVs and antibiotics, everything that needed to be done. But it’s not unusual with a kidney infection because with me, the urine is going to another place outside my body, not the usual bladder area. It sometimes causes a reflux, which is what causes the infections. And with my history, I have kidney infections all the time, but I had never experienced my kidney full of water. If I had gone any longer, I would have lost that kidney.”

“[The IV and antibiotics were to] decrease the swelling in my kidney and at the same time treat the infection. They gave me medication for pain because it was intense by that time. They took me to the hospital room and hallelujah! One of the nurses I already knew from past experiences provided my care. The hospital is wonderful.”

“I will not go back to Omaha to the doctors. I have no problem with them, but with the treatment I get at CCMH I could not ask for better. They are stellar, and their treatment of the patient and knowing what to do – I can’t say enough about them.”