

Home Medical Equipment Provides Independence



Pictures on the wall of France, Rome and other romantic destinations give away Mrs. Phyllis McHugh's secret - she loves to travel. She also enjoys going out to lunch and movies with her friends.

But when she was diagnosed with Pulmonary Fibrosis, her active life hit a standstill. She became oxygen dependant, and had to rely on machines to breathe.

"I'm a people person, so this was hard," says Phyllis.

Then she heard about Great Lakes Home Medical Equipment, which allows patients and their families to rent home medical equipment. The type of equipment available ranges from simple assistive devices like walkers and wheelchairs to complex medical equipment like oxygen concentrators and low air loss mattresses.

With an oxygen concentrator or portable oxygen device from Great Lakes Home Medical Equipment, Phyllis was able to enjoy the comfort and security of her own home as well as to get out as often as she likes for several hours at a time.

And when her machines need regular preventative maintenance, a specially-trained Great Lakes Home Medical Equipment professional comes to her house to make sure that it is done safely and that it is done right.

Frank Page might just be that Great Lakes home medical equipment professional.

"I really understand the issues that



patients can have with their home medical equipment, and am always willing to go to their home to lend a hand, no matter what time they call," Frank said. "I am also required to use home medical equipment to help with my sleep apnea, so not only am I a trained professional, I am also a patient."

Frank uses a CPAP machine during the night for sleep apnea. But before he was ever diagnosed, he was servicing CPAP machines and other home medical equipment for Great Lakes Home Medical Equipment.

He felt comfortable making the transition from equipment professional to patient because he knew that he could depend on Great Lakes Home Medical Equipment to provide him with the highest quality, nationally recognized brands and education if he ever needed it. He also knew that over 1,300 physicians throughout Mid-Michigan entrust the care of their

patients to Great Lakes Home Medical Equipment.

Frank feels like he has a special bond with others who have their equipment provided by Great Lakes Home Health & Hospice.

"Being both a patient and an employee of Great Lakes Home Health and Hospice has really helped me connect with the patients that I work with," Frank said.

And Phyllis knows that if she ever needs anything, the Great Lakes Home Medical Equipment team is just a phone call away.


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