



EXCELLENCE *in* HEALTH CARE

Connie Long of Brunswick

ADVANCED PATIENT CARE TECHNOLOGY

Connie Long is a certified nursing assistant who prides herself on providing compassionate and professional patient care. However, her recent experience as a patient has given her new perspective on her role as a caregiver, and a greater respect for advanced medical technology.

Just after accepting employment at the Southeast Georgia Health System Brunswick Campus, Connie came down with what she thought was the flu. Feeling dehydrated, she visited the Emergency Care Center. She was shocked to learn that she needed a pacemaker immediately. “I couldn’t believe my ears. I thought they had the wrong room,” Connie jokes.

Within a week, she had the surgery. Cardiologist Mark Watkins, M.D. implanted the REVO MRI™ SureScan® pacing system—the first pacing system FDA-approved for use with MRI. Dr. Watkins performed this surgery on Connie in February 2011, the same month the procedure was approved, making it the first of its type in the Coastal Georgia and Jacksonville, Florida area.

Today, six months after her surprise diagnosis, Connie is back at work as a night shift CNA. She reports having a renewed level of energy and a new enthusiasm for her work. “If they hadn’t discovered my heart problem when they did, I probably wouldn’t be here today,” she said. “Having been on the other side of patient care, I have a whole new outlook for what patients are going through and feel that I can take better care of them now.”



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