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My Turn

Great care at Holy Cross Hospital

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I'm back, and not to write about a political issue.

Rather, I wish to join Peter Tredwin (My Turn, Feb. 12) in praise of Holy Cross Hospital. My saga began with an ill-advised foot procedure last May. Four weeks later the site became infected, and I received prompt and excellent care in the emergency room. However, seven months of care with a different podiatrist than the one who recommended the "simple" procedure did not result in any long-term improvement.

Fortunately, at the end of January I sought a referral to the excellent wound clinic at HCH. Unfortunately, my foot became infected again Feb. 9 or 10, and by Feb. 11 I was suffering serious symptoms from a widespread staphylococcus aureus infection and was rushed to the emergency room.

There I was seen promptly, courteously and informatively by the staff and the hospitalist on duty, and my condition was stabilized. Then I was admitted for two days to the medical-surgical unit. There, too I received care of the highest quality. The entire staff was knowledgeable, friendly, supportive and responsive. I don't think I could have received better care anywhere.

I wish I could remember the names of all the personnel who helped me – nurses, nursing assistants, MRI and CAT scan technicians, food service staff and more. I thank you all. Two who deserve special mention are my excellent hospitalist, Dr.

Akeoye and the HCH wound care specialist, Nurse Frances.

Her entire team is well-trained, and I am glad to be following up with them.

We are fortunate indeed to have a hospital of this quality in our small, rural community!

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