



My Turn

In appreciation of Holy Cross Hospital

Doug Mosely

The Taos News, 4/23/2015

After more than 20 years residing in the Taos area, I've heard many knocks on our local hospital. It's something like a local pastime, like it probably is in many smaller towns.

In terms of my actual direct experience over the years (in the form of a couple of day procedures) I found our hospital to be professional and effective. But with all the knocks going around, it's easy to form an attitude, and go along with the usual lines about "get yourself to Santa Fe or Albuquerque if you are in need of care."

Recently I found myself en route to the emergency ward with an acutely developing blood infection. I admit there was a little voice in my head expressing some dread, about any hospital actually, but especially our Taos hospital. In the emergency ward, to my great relief, I was treated as well as could be expected in any emergency ward anywhere. It was a great relief to be in their hands.

After I was formally admitted, the care and support I received really couldn't have been better. During the week I was there I probably came in contact with 30 staff people and each and every one was caring and competent. They were all good at what they did, and more than a few were outstanding in my estimation. They were all people that you are glad to have around you when your own life force is at an ebb. It was a good healing environment.

My physical issue turned out to be quite complex and challenging to work with. The medical staff took it on with solid professionalism and made lots of effort to keep me and my loved one informed. They brought my life back on track.

It's pretty common for us humans to put our focus on the negative, and to fall out of appreciation. Nobody is saying that Holy Cross Hospital is perfect but in my experience it's a lot better facility than people commonly give it credit for and it should receive more appreciation than it does. Rather than just repeating the criticisms, I'd like to see more pride taken in our hospital, along with lots of community effort to make it even better.

Doug Mosely, a resident of Des Montes, is a retired psychologist.