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In late 2022, my appendix ruptured and I didn't realize it because I didn't feel that bad. I thought it was because I got sick one night and then I hurt a little bit on my side, so I didn't run out to the doctor. A week later, when I couldn't eat correctly and I was not getting back to normal, I decided to go.

When I went to my primary care doctor and explained what happened, he touched my side and immediately sent me straight to the hospital. I was admitted to CRMC and the radiologist and Dr. Michelle McGuirk looked at the appendix and started me with an IV pump and left it in for five days and four nights to administer antibiotics into my system.

During my follow-up, I had a CT scan and at that time Dr. McGuirk informed me I would need to have surgery. The surgery was to take place around Thanksgiving. Dr. McGuirk moved her personal schedule around to take care of me. She didn't have to, but I felt so blessed that she did. Dr. McGuirk noticed the rupture had made a hole in my colon. So then, they had to go from laparoscopic surgery to real surgery.

I was able to meet with Dr. McGuirk before the surgery, during my CT scan. She came in and to talked me about what was happening, and what she was going to do. She was with me from before the surgery, during and then at the recovery. I could not have asked for a better doctor. Everyone at CRMC was wonderful to me and the staff was good at what they did. For what had happened to me, it was a great experience. If I someone was to go through what I did, I would say.....Let me tell you where to go!

Today I am feeling good and I am about back to normal. In addition, my energy is starting to come back. Besides thanking Dr. McGuirk, I also wanted to say thank you for Chris Hogan the CRNA. Right after the surgery, I had this pain in my shoulder and chest. Chris came to my room to check on me. He said that type of pain does happen after surgery and he gave me some medication for it and everything was better shortly after. It never bothered me again. My experience overall was incredible. It was scary, but CRMC made sure I was taken care of and in safe hands. Everyone at the hospital was so good at what they did!



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