

Carol talks about how iron lung users took the responsibility to educate new staff at George Pearson Centre about their needs.

Carol: I think in terms of the technology and the teaching. Like I said, when I first started, you know, they're the ones, each resident I went to, they told me about their story and how they like their care to be done and how they would like to be ventilated. So especially with the one I went to Vegas, he is extremely intelligent and so when we have new staff come on he is always kind of person who takes on the orientation and, you know, teach people, talk to them about the iron lung.

I still remember it, right? '82 is when he taught me how the iron lung worked and I still remember it to this day. So, he would tour, you know, people would come and they're interested. He would be the first to talk to them about it and give them all the information they want and was very knowledgeable about his own care and that is what, you know, we all promote, right?

For, today in rehab, that is what we look out as well, to teach our clients to be the experts in their own care because as they go out of here, they are going to meet people who don't know anything about spinal cord injuries or brain injuries and they need to be able to educate others in the community and whoever they come in contact with to be able to care for them or understand what their needs are so they can help them. Yeah, so the residents took on a lot of that, those responsibilities.