

From intubation to celebration: A patient's experience in critical care

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Sarah Kempinska, LHSC Patient

I have had breathing issues for a long time, but never something like this.

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Anna Kempinska, Sarah's sister/Physician at LHSC

I went over there. I could tell that there was something not right.

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Sarah Kempinska, LHSC Patient

I was rushed in. I came in with my sister and my fiancée and it all happened very quickly. Everybody was so fast to respond.

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Anna Kempinska, Sarah's sister/Physician at LHSC

just steps away is where I usually work. And I see this happening to other people. But it's very difficult when you're actually the family member involved

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Sarah Kempinska, LHSC Patient

I was placed into a medically induced coma, but I was actually about to get married.

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Anna Kempinska, Sarah's sister/Physician at LHSC

So, there would be some moments in the day we thought, there's no way this wedding is going to happen. But then we would kind of regroup as a family and think, well, let's, you know, put the hope out there.

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Sarah Kempinska, LHSC Patient

less than two weeks away when I was put into the coma. And then by the time I woke up, I was about five days away. They knew when I woke up that I would still want to get married

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we made it to the wedding, which is wonderful.

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Anna Kempinska, Sarah's sister/Physician at LHSC

You could tell how genuinely caring the health care workers were that took care of Sarah.

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Sarah Kempinska, LHSC Patient

And everybody stepped in and the staff were so wonderful. They wanted to get me to that wedding

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Anna Kempinska, Sarah's sister/Physician at LHSC

it was one of the happiest days of my life to be able to watch that happen.

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Sarah Kempinska, LHSC Patient

I mean, thank you to all the staff at London Health Sciences Center, especially Victoria Hospital. To be in a vulnerable situation like that and not know what's going to happen next is so frightening. But just to have the support there, that means the world. So, thank you.