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Recently, a patient was admitted to our unit with a very complicated medical history. It was the patient's first time ever on the adult side of the hospital. All previous admissions were at Doernbecher. Naturally, the family was very concerned and overwhelmed with trying to adjust to the new environment. As I stated, the patient's medical history was very complicated and part of the presenting medical picture was the fact that the patient was severely disabled and very limited verbally. I have never seen a doctor more attentive to the needs of not only the patient but entire family than Dr. Clark. He not only embraced and included the family in the plan of care but related very well to the patient and really connected with him. He never spoke over the patient but always directly to him. He created and orchestrated an interdisciplinary team for this patient that included the nurses, physical therapists, OT, and the nutritionist.

Although I am a student nurse, he made me feel like an important member of the team. He solicited my opinions, valued my ideas and suggestions and constantly used every opportunity to teach. When Dr. Clark entered the patient's room a truly beautiful thing would happen. The patient's face would light up with the biggest smile on his face and he would reach out to hold Dr. Clark's hand. When the patient was discharged the team all came down to see him off. Something I have never seen happen. Dr. Clark went over and above with his care for a patient who most people might not take the time because of his challenges.

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