

Recognizing Outstanding Service Excellence



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A patient submitted the following nomination...

In October 2008, my pregnancy was classified high risk and I was referred to Dr. Jacobson's clinic at OHSU. At the time I was smoking and wanted to quit so very badly, but I knew it was not going to be easy. At the clinic I was approached by Nakia, a research coordinator who shared information about a Vitamin C study. I have to admit I was a little leery but eventually thought I wouldn't to give it a try. As my pregnancy continued Nakia and I had talked about other concerns I was having with my older daughter whose leukemia was in remission. Dr. McEvoy heard about my situation and told us about a program that would allow the banking of the cord blood at no cost to us because our new baby had a sister with cancer. If it wasn't for this help, we would not have been able to store our son's cord blood for possible future use. Even though my son was born early, he was of a good birth weight and had very little breathing problems in the neonatal intensive care unit. My husband and I feel very confident with his care at OHSU when we saw the familiar face of Dr. McEvoy as one of his doctors. My son is doing well and you would never know that he was a premie. I realize how lucky I was to be involved in the Vitamin C study and have the support of Nakia and Dr. McEvoy. I feel secure about the future since we have banked blood for my daughter should she ever need it. I am looking forward to the results of the Vitamin C study. I hope its findings will help pregnant smokers lessen the effect that smoking can cause.

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