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Good news for Amanda

Today I took Amanda to see Dr. Wright @ Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Getting there was stressful. Apparently, every road in La Habra is getting repaired and they are re-doing every ramp for every sidewalk in La Habra because apparently a few years ago when La Habra put handicap curbs on all of the corners, they didn't follow the handicap guidelines and didn't make them wide enough...nice mistake...costing us tax payers millions of dollars for this stupid mistake. Then the onramp for the freeway has been closed for 6 months with no end in sight. Long story short, I had to drive side streets to get to the freeway which tacked on an additional 40 minutes of driving...Nice!! (NOT!!)

I forgot to mention, there was an appointment fiasco yesterday. The appointment desk called me and tried to reschedule my appt. I told them no way. My appt was made 4 months ago back in June and there is way too much involved to rearrange things in such short notice, and besides this appt was critical to find out if Amanda needed to have another surgery on her thumb. They told me Dr. Wright switched from mornings to afternoons on Tuesdays. They said they would have a supervisor call me back. Well, a supervisor called Cliff's cell phone, not our home phone and when I talked to them and asked them why they called his cell phone, they were rude and told me never mind. Ok, now it was time that I called the manager of orthopedics...I am pissed. So I speak to Shawn and he proceeds to tell me that my appt was changed from 11:15am to 2:15pm. I told him no one told me and I would have been waiting up there for 3 hours when I checked in at 2:15pm. This really pissed me off and he was embarrassed that I was not told about the rescheduling time. I told him could come in at 3pm after I picked up Savannah from school. Then he told me not to bring the other girls to the hospital due to the H1N1 virus..oh great... So now I had to find a babysitter in super short notice. I called Sabrina and thank goodness she was able to babysit for me. So we were all set...

Anyway, I get to Children's Hospital and of course the parking lot is full. I don't want to be late for Amanda's appt so I do the valet parking for a whopping $10 - no choice, just did it.

We checked in and they informed us Amanda needed to go get X-rays for her right arm, wrist and hand. So we are waiting in line and finally get out of X-Rays in about 40 minutes. We go back to the waiting room and then get called in to see Dr. Wright. By now it is almost 4:30pm. We see Dr. Wright 20 minutes later.

During our whole time at the hospital, I am constantly sanitizing our hands and making sure Amanda minimally touches anything with her hands and not put her hands in her mouth, nose and eyes. We had to hit the bathroom twice for potty breaks so hand washing was at a premium too. I was trying so hard to avoid this H1N1 virus.

Dr. Wright evaluates Amanda and tells me the best music to my ears. She said Amanda had huge progress since June and her range and use of her arm, wrist and new thumb have exceeded their expectations. She said no additional surgeries are needed and we go back in a

year for a check up. Hopefully we are done with surgeries. Yahooie!! Praise the Lord!!

We happily went on our merry way and joined the gazillion evening commuters and got home at 7:30pm.

Way to go Amanda!! You have been through so much and you are such a trooper. Time and time again you have shown your courage, strength, and drive to live. You are forever my joyous chld and my true miracle baby. l love you my precious.

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