

Hello,

My mother is Adelene T., an Independent Living resident at Brookdale Carriage Club Providence. Dr. Catherine Ferrara has been her doctor for a few months now and I wanted to relay our family's exceptional experience with her.

I truly believe that Dr. Ferrara saved my mother's life.

When Dr. Ferrara was first assigned as my 98-year-old mother's doctor, my mother had just returned from an 8-day hospital stay caused by three infections. She returned home with a new infection in an ulcer on her lower back that worsened at home with inattentive wound care and no antibiotic treatment. For some reason, she was only fed liquids at the hospital and had lost a lot of weight and muscle tone, which she couldn't afford to lose. She's frail and bound to a wheelchair, so we really didn't think she'd pull through.

From the first minute she saw my mother, Dr. Ferrara was on the case, giving her the medical attention she needed. After checking her wound and her vital signs, Dr. Ferrara recommended that we call an ambulance to re-admit her to a hospital (a different one this time). She was well cared for, her wound was treated correctly, she was eating (one of her joys) and improved. During this second week-long hospital stay, Dr. Ferrara was in constant touch with us to make sure my mother was getting appropriate care and healing well. This continued when my mother returned home and continues to this day as my mother's condition improves.

On behalf of our entire family, I wanted to acknowledge what a caring, professional gem of a healer you have in Dr. Ferrara. We look forward to having her care for our "Addie" for a long time to come.

Thank you,

Cynthia T.