

# Grateful Patient Highlight

In December 2018, I became very sick. I had difficulty eating and I lost 30 pounds and was unable to leave my home. After suffering for several weeks, it was determined through scans that I had a very rare birth defect called an aberrant right subclavian artery. Fortunately, I was referred to Dr. Neel Dhudshia. The unusual and rare nature of my condition required a vascular surgeon with great skill. Dr. Dhudshia successfully performed the surgery and redirected the artery that was pressing on my esophagus. While I recovered in the hospital, Dr. Dhudshia checked on me daily.

In October 2020, I was hospitalized with COVID-19. Dr. Dhudshia found out that I was in the hospital and came to see me several times to make sure that I was doing well. After I was released and went home, I became ill again. I was sent for an x-ray and it showed that I had a collapsed left lung. I was sent to the ER at St. Rose Dominican. When Dr. Dhudshia found out, he immediately came to my room and contacted a fellow surgeon to set up the pneumothorax procedure. While I was in the hospital, he came to see me daily and took over the monitoring and finally the removal of the tube from my chest.



I will be forever grateful to Dr. Dhudshia for his kindness and caring and for giving me back my quality of life. He will always be my doctor and my friend.

Thank you,  
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