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Good morning all,

Just thought I would update you on Bruce and his doctor visits. He had an appointment with the Neurologist at the VA yesterday and asked Bruce a lot more questions as well as questions he asked when we first saw him. He had Bruce walk for him, checked his reflexes, had Bruce close his eyes to do a smell and taste test then also checked his peripheral vision. Bruce did well on all of them, what a difference since last time we were there. Dr. Harris did say how well Bruce looked and how amazingly well he is doing. He called Bruce a Miracle Survivor.

Dr. Harris went through Bruce's Cat Scan with us and it was very interesting. Everything looked normal, he said that I could at least see that Bruce has something up there. That was funny. But the Cat Scan did show that Bruce has had a stroke at one time, not necessarily recent – more than likely before the accident. That has him concerned. He wants to do more extensive tests for Bruce, such as a psycho neurological test, as well as an EEG on his brain – to check the brain waves to make sure there is no possibility of seizures then also wants his carotid arteries checked, also wants some blood work done. He said this could be a 2 month process, it will take time, but it is something he wants done. He said that in 3 months when he comes back for all of the results HE will then talk about Bruce driving. He said talk. He wants a good 6 months behind Bruce before even considering him driving. With everything Bruce has been through he wants to make sure that Bruce is in great shape mentally and physically before he lets Bruce drive.

This was a little upsetting to both Bruce and I, yet we totally understand where the doctor is coming from. He is very thorough in what he is doing for Bruce and we accept what he says and is doing. He is a great doctor. So, at this time, I am still Bruce's chauffer.

Bruce has an appointment with his regular VA doctor next week, so we will see what she says about things as well.

So for now, Bruce is coming along really well, but still needs more time for his body to recover from the accident. This doctor visit was also a reality check for both of us. Bruce has come so far, yet has a ways to go. We are very fortunate to have good doctor for Bruce and we are definitely taking their advice.

Thanks for your continued prayers.

Love,  
Diane