

## **Ginger Hill Update**

(original letter from Rodney Hill)

For all: Good morning prayer team – here's Rodney's update with the note from me as I believe most of you would also like an update on Rodney and he is doing well, stands strong in his faith and is feeling your love and prayers. He apologized this morning for the long post but we laughed that long days require long posts, so he keeps his sense of humor and he stands consistently assured in the love of those who pray with and for the Hills. From Rodney: Morning all, I apologize for the lateness of this update but yesterday was a busy day for sure. When I arrived at TIRR yesterday, Ginger was with her PT therapist and began to move her left leg and this was exciting as it's the first time since her surgery she's been able to do so. Also, her paralysis on the left side of her face is dissipating as she smiled at me and it was the Ginger smile we all know and love. Ginger was able to stand with a little help and was able to help herself be more mobile as she helped herself get in and out of bed. Yesterday was in so many ways awesome for sure. However, as it is so often the case with serious medical issues, we got some news that is of concern, but after consulting with Gingers medical team we are encouraged that she is on the best path possible given her situation.

Yesterday, about noon, I received a call from one of Ginger's doctors and was given the news that the pathology report on the mass removed during Gingers surgery was in fact metastatic melanoma. Everyone take a breath and understand this is not the news we had hoped for but its not a situation that Ginger can't recover from. The good news is the surgeon feels confident that he removed all the mass and was confident that the area was not bleeding and the scans (several) since her surgery bear this out. Her prognosis is still good, but we will need some help from MD Anderson to identify where the melanoma is or was, that moved to her brain. Ginger took this info well as her determination to recover and come home is strong and rooted in her faith. Ginger is going to continue her rehab at TIRR and soon will start some testing at MDA to monitor her medical health, at the same time continuing her rehab. Let's be clear everyone – Our prayers are working, but there is much to do. So, keep those good thoughts and prayers coming. Ginger send her love. Rodney