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## The Life You Save

Do you have a loved one who is alone in a hospital or nursing home? Then get in your car and go to their bedside.

All kinds of bad things can happen in a hospital or nursing home.

Here is the safety rule: Have a family member or friend with you at every significant health-care encounter. That person can be helpful in many ways: enforce hygiene, make sure the diet is right, check skin condition, check medication and dosage. Ask your private pharmacist to check to see if the medications are compatible with each other. Medication errors happen every day.

Get your own nurse: If you can afford a private-duty nurse or even a sitter, by all means get one. Don't let anyone talk you out of it.

Everyone needs an advocate: When we are sick in the hospital or nursing home we don't have the strength to fight for ourselves. We need someone to stand guard. I hope this information helps.

Respectfully,

William C. Faber, Jr.