



Isabel Bartol with her recovery team

Winner of the 2016 Comp Laude™ Award for Injured Worker is Isabel Bartol.

Isabel Bartol, a 65-year old Social Worker with Miami Dade School Board, was involved in a motor vehicle accident driving between schools. The accident resulted in complex multi-trauma injuries, including a severe traumatic brain injury, facial fractures, significant internal abdominal injuries, and surgeries resulting in open abdominal wounds. The initial prognosis was poor and she was not expected to survive, let alone be walking, talking and independent one year later! Mrs. Bartol's determination, combined with excellent care and a focused claims team, helped her not only recover, but progress to an independent lifestyle.

Mrs. Bartol showed extreme determination for recovery despite the severity of her injuries. The patient and family were open, accepting and worked in a collaborative effort with the insured, the TPA, and Field Case Nurse for a treatment plan that could offer excellence in care with maximum opportunity for functional recovery, and as a result of intensive rehabilitation and sheer determination, Mrs. Bartol has returned to her modified home, ambulatory, participatory, independent, and fully engaged in her everyday life and able to be home with her husband and disabled adult son.