

# The Recovery Team

The licensed professionals involved in the care of your family member during recovery may include:

**Neurosurgeon:** A surgeon expert in diseases and conditions of the nervous system. Often the attending physician who manages the case.

**Neurologist:** A physician who specializes in the nervous system and its disorders.

**Pulmonologist:** A physician who manages problems with respiration and lung disorders.

**Physiatrist:** A physician who specializes in physical medication and rehabilitation.

**Orthopedic Surgeon:** A surgeon who specializes in diseases of the bones and treats injuries to the limbs and back.

**Neuropsychologist:** A psychologist with specialized training in relationships between the brain and behavior.

**Physical Therapist:** Evaluates components of movement, including muscle strength, tone, posture, coordination, endurance, and general mobility.

**Occupational Therapist:** Focuses on reestablishing the activities of daily living, self care, and upper body motor skills.

**Speech/Language Pathologist:** Responsible for evaluating and assisting with swallowing problems, communication difficulties, and cognitive deficits.

**Respiratory Therapist:** A person skilled in operating machines to aid breathing and keep the airway open.

**Social worker/case manager:** A liaison between the professional team and other parties concerned with the patient.