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Churdan Resident Finally Finds Much Needed Pain Relief at Greene County Medical Center Pain Clinic

When Eric Winger was laid off from his job after severe headaches, neck and eye pain made him prone to accidents and affected his everyday mobility, he knew he needed to see a medical professional. Through his Primary Care Physician, the Churdan resident made an appointment with a specialist in Ames, driving nearly an hour each direction in search of answers.

"The pain would shoot up my neck into my eye. It was so painful I could not walk," said Eric. "When an episode would come there was not enough Ibuprofen or Tylenol, Icy-Hot, cold and hot packs, or more pillows, to make a difference with the pain."

After two years of no relief, more medications to try, and no real answers, Eric's wife, Uvette, decided they should return to their Primary Care Provider, Diana Smith, DNP at Greene County Family Medicine Clinic.

Their next referral was right at home with the Greene County Medical Center Pain Clinic with Dr. Rich Jacobson, CRNA; and Keith Barnhill, CRNA. The Medical Center Pain Clinic started in January 2022 and specializes in Pain Management. Desperate for answers, Eric called to make an appointment. He left with some answers and finally on a journey to recovery.

"I wasn't really expecting a whole lot. Other hospitals and specialists were not providing treatment that was helping," said Eric. "I was at least hoping for something better, and it has been exceptional! The nurses, staff, doctors, everyone has been phenomenal. The hospitality was phenomenal along with the treatment." Following the procedure Eric has noticed a significant change in his quality of life. Eric and his wife are so thankful to everyone at the Greene County Medical Center Pain Clinic.

"I feel like he was not just a statistic here. He was actually a patient they cared about and wanted to help him get better or at least help him move forward with some relief," Uvette said.

"I was not getting treated at all for the last 2 years, I was relying on pain medications that doctors were prescribing and I was just down in life," said Eric. "I could not work or enjoy life. I would recommend the Pain Clinic to 10-out-of-10-people, it is a great addition to the hospital. Coming to the Pain Clinic at Greene County Medical Center has been an absolute life-changer."



Since the Pain Clinic opened in early 2022, **nearly 250 patients have been seen and over 75 procedures performed** to help relieve patients' pain.

Pain Clinic equipment is being funded by the Greene County Medical Center Foundation.