

When Edward Finestone fractured his leg last year, it wasn't the active teenager's first experience with a broken bone.



Family turns to Campbell Clinic to make adventure-loving son 100 percent again

Broken bones are a common part of childhood. Take one active youngster... add wheels, a game or sport... toss in an immovable object... and the result is often an anxious trip to the hospital emergency room.

Edward Finestone, 13, has made that trip three times. Each time, his family has trusted Campbell Clinic to guide Edward's recovery.

Edward's most recent injury didn't happen playing soccer, riding the wake behind a boat, or executing runs and bumps on a ski slope—all activities the Lausanne Collegiate School seventh grader loves. Instead, Edward was at home, on his driveway, riding the scooter he rode most every day, when one wrong move sent him straight to the ER.

“The doctors answered questions when asked, explained the status of recovery and x-rays that were taken during appointments, and always included Edward in the discussions. Edward received terrific care under Dr. Murphy and Dr. Warner.”

— CINDY FINESTONE

A SHARP LEFT INSTEAD OF RIGHT

On a bright morning in July 2008, Edward was up early to join his sister Deborah on their first day of a new “summer job.” Neighbors had asked them to feed their dogs while the family vacationed.

Edward hopped on his Razor scooter and zipped down the driveway, heading for the house next door. At the end of the drive, he decided to hang a sharp left instead of taking the easier right-hand turn and then looping back to the left.

Seconds later, Edward felt himself falling, twisting, hitting the driveway hard. Then, he felt the pain. “I didn’t know my leg was broken,” Edward said. “All I knew was that it really, really hurt.”

Deborah witnessed the fall. By the time she reached Edward, she could already see the bump swelling on his leg. She summoned their parents.

At the hospital emergency room, doctors told the Finestone family that Edward’s leg was badly broken. They applied a temporary cast and recommended that Edward see an orthopaedic doctor.

“We had no doubt about where to go,” said Mark Finestone, Edward’s dad. “We were well acquainted with Campbell Clinic.”

A CHOICE BASED ON CONFIDENCE

Four years earlier, when he was in third grade, Edward broke his left wrist in a fall from a zip line. The next year, he broke the right wrist in a fall while rollerblading. In both instances, orthopaedic doctors at Campbell Clinic treated Edward’s injuries.

“Campbell Clinic has a great reputation, and for good reason,” Mark said. “The doctors and the staff give patients great care. We felt confident in turning to Campbell Clinic after this injury also.”

Dr. Drew Murphy and Dr. Bill Warner, both Campbell Clinic surgeons, managed Edward’s case. To immobilize the leg, they applied a cast that began just below Edward’s waist. Edward spent most of the remainder of the summer indoors, returning to school on crutches.

“When Dr. Warner finally took off the cast, my leg looked like a French fry,” Edward said. “It was gross.” After the cast, Edward wore a walking boot for four weeks. He began physical therapy in October.

“His gait, mobility and strength have greatly improved,” said Cindy Finestone, Edward’s mom. “He likes his therapists and says workouts are fun. A full recovery is expected.”

PLAYING TOGETHER AGAIN

The Finestones are a family that plays together. Each year when the children’s school has Spring Break, they go snow skiing. In summer, they

take the family boat to Pickwick Lake or Lake Norris to water ski. At the time Edward broke his leg in July 2008, the Finestones were set to leave on a 10-day family vacation. The trip was canceled.

By year’s end, the Finestones were ready to travel again. In December, with approval from Dr. Warner, Edward joined the family on a 12-day adventure that included mountain climbing and repelling, and Edward was able to participate fully. Dr. Warner has also indicated that Edward should be able to hit the slopes when the family goes skiing this spring.

“Having Edward returned to health meant everything to us,” Mark Finestone said. “Our family plans to do a lot of things together in the years ahead. We want Edward to be 100 percent. Campbell Clinic helped make him that way again.”

The Finestone family made a donation to The Campbell Foundation in honor of Dr. Drew Murphy, Dr. Bill Warner, and the Campbell Clinic Surgery Center staff. “These individuals and their staff were wonderful and did everything they could to make Edward comfortable and to get him back on his feet.”

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