

Lisa & Jeff Rosen
Accident – August 19, 1995

Saturday, August 19, 1995

Accident took place on Saturday evening at approximately 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 20

Got the phone call at 3:00 a.m. in Detroit. We left Donna's at about 5:30 a.m. Arnie drove Rubin in one car, Donna drove me in their car. We arrived at Sunnybrook Hospital at 11:00 a.m. Lisa is in a coma and has a broken foot. Jeff has liver damage, broken ribs and a broken ankle. They are both side by side in the Critical Care Unit (CCU). We picked up Jordana at Jenny's house. Jordana asked about her mom and dad. She knew they were in the hospital. The first part of the night, she woke up whimpering. She slept til 1:00 a.m. then got in our bed and stayed awake until 4:00 a.m. Then we had to wake her about 6:30 a.m.

Monday, August 21

We took Jordana to Nancy's house for daycare. David Rosen and Arnie picked her up at daycare and took her to Jenny's. We went to the hospital the four of us. Jeff is in great pain. Lisa is still in a coma. We left the hospital at 11:30. The nurse called about 12:30 to say Lisa had three blood clots that had to be operated on and to come back to give our consent. The doctor also called to tell us this. She was taken to surgery about 6 o'clock and brought back about 8:15 p.m. We saw her around nine o'clock. Jeff is moved to FPCU.

Tuesday, August 22

We had Jenny pick Jordana up at daycare and took her home again. Jeff is supposed to have an operation on his ankle but the ankle is too swollen. Lisa is not responding. We keep talking to her.

Wednesday, August 23

We think Lisa is responding to us although nurses say no. Jeff is in great pain.

Thursday, August 24

Everything is still the same. Jeff is in a lot of pain. Jordana is back with us.

Friday, August 25

Jeff seems to be improving a lot. Lisa is still in a coma.

Saturday, August 26

We took Jordana to see Jeff. She is a little satisfied seeing Jeff. We had the nurse come to see Jordana and tell her that her mommy is sleeping.

Sunday, August 27

We took Jordana again. She saw Jeff briefly. Lisa is the same. She doesn't respond to anyone.

Monday, August 28

We registered Jordana at school today.

Tuesday, August 29

The doctor talked to us and said he felt Lisa was starting to respond a little. Jeff had surgery on his ankle.

Wednesday, August 30

We are still a little pleased about Lisa's movement. Jeff is still in a lot of pain. Lisa got moved to 5th floor, NICU about 7:00 p.m. She has a private room 10.

Thursday, August 31

No change in Lisa today. Jeff is still in bed.

Friday, September 1

We had a call from Maureen Langdon (our caseworker) this morning. Jeff may go home on Wednesday. No difference in Lisa.

Saturday, September 2

Jeff went in to see Lisa today. No change in her condition. Jeff was really shook up when he saw her. We took Jordana to see Jeff.

Sunday, September 3

We took Jordana to see Jeff today. We saw Lisa and when I said her name, she opened both eyes. The nurse suggested we take Jordana to see Lisa. She was very good and talked to Lisa. She saw her three times. Lisa seemed like she heard her.

Monday, September 4 (Labour Day)

Jeff is doing good. Jordana saw Lisa again. She talks great to Lisa. The doctor put the shunt into Lisa. The doctor told Jeff she is doing a little better.

Tuesday, September 5

Everything the same.

Wednesday, September 6

Lisa is sitting in the lounge chair.

Thursday, September 7

Jeff is going home tomorrow. Lisa is still doing the same.

Friday, September 8

David is bringing Jeff home today. We didn't go to see Lisa today. Jordana started kindergarten today.

Saturday, September 9

Jordana doesn't feel good today. Dad went to the hospital this morning. Lisa was moved to 5C, room 526. Barbara and I went to see her this afternoon. Lisa opening her eyes now.

Wednesday, September 13

Lisa has both of her eyes open today. Her right eye opens partially. Moving around a lot.

Thursday, September 14

Today we are visiting Lisa in the hall. She is sitting in a wheelchair. They took the trachea out and now she is breathing through her mouth. She is coughing a lot and is rubbing her face. She just pulled out the tubes from her nose. Back in bed now. Trying to reach tubes in hose. Grabbed my hand and tried to pull herself up.

Friday, September 15

My mistake yesterday. Lisa still has trachea, but it's smaller with a red cap. She has been sleeping since Jeff, Dad and I have been here since 1 p.m. It is now 3:15 p.m. and Lisa is now sitting in a wheelchair. She is doing a lot of coughing. She seems quiet today.

Saturday, September 16

I find that Lisa is very restless today. She keeps kicking off the covers and is doing a lot of coughing. She pulled out her feeding tube. As she coughs, she picks at her head. She was squeezing Jeff's hand in command.

Sunday, September 17

Lisa seems very tired today. Opens her eyes as we talk to her. She moved her legs a little and coughed a couple of times.

Monday, September 18

Lisa is in the hall. Allison is with her showing her pictures. She is alert. She grabbed Jeff's hand. We took her up to the lounge. She has the trachea in only because she needs some moisture. She has been coughing, as it is very dry.

Allison told us that Lisa did well in physiotherapy. She sat on the side of the bed. (JR)

Tuesday, September 19

Lisa moved to room 542 today. She seemed in great pain but was due to constipation. Nurse washed her and now she is tired.

Wednesday, September 20

Today Lisa is wide-awake. Her eyes are open a lot. We are sitting in the hall and Lisa seems to be looking at Jeff. The physio had Lisa sit at the side of the bed and transferred her to a chair without the lift.

Thursday, September 21

Happy Anniversary – next year you will be home with Jeff and Jordana to celebrate. Lisa had a good night. The nurse says she follows the nurse with her eyes. She was asked to turn a bit and she did. She is more alert today.

Friday, September 22

Same as before.

Saturday, September 23

Lisa looked from Jeff to her dad to Jordana making good contact.

Sunday, September 24

This is the best day yet. Lisa is lying on her side. She is responding more. We heard her talk today. She said, "Hi." She is looking at us when we talk to her. We asked her to grasp dad's hand and she did. At one point, she picked up her hand and stroked dad's face.

Monday, September 25

Today we asked Lisa how she is and she "lousy." She seems to be talking more although she speaks very softly and it is hard for us to make out. This afternoon she will get some solid food like applesauce or porridge. Lisa ate meat and Jell-O.

Tuesday, September 26

We arrived at about 1:30. Lisa was in a wheelchair with four of her co-workers around her. She said, "Hi," to me. Jeff asked her who pulled out her feeding tube and she said, "I did." Her friends said they will see her soon and she shook her head yes. She had some thick soup.

The nurse could not put the tube back in Lisa's nose, so they gave her more food. She had a shower standing up. (JR)

Wednesday, September 27

Lisa pulled out her trachea last night. It was put back in. she would not eat this morning. I managed to get her to eat Jell-O. She told the attendant she didn't want to eat. She told her to get out. She is all over the bed. Her dad kissed her and asked her to kiss him back, which she did. She just came back from having her cast off. She is really moving around a lot today. When she kicks the covers off she now pulls the covers back up. The nurse (Sue) is giving Lisa a shower now.

Lisa looked at her legs and said she needs a shave. She starts three meals a day. (JR)

Thursday, September 28

We are here early this morning. Lisa doesn't want to eat. The nurse says if she won't eat, they will put her feeding tube back. I managed to get her to eat all her applesauce, some cream of wheat, most of her Jell-O and a few spoons of orange juice. She did very well. While I was feeding her she said, "Mom I love you." She pushed my hand away while I was feeding and said I don't want any more, I showed her some pictures and she held them and looked at them. There is one picture of Jordana and four boys, I asked her to point out Jordana, and she did.

Friday, September 29

I tried to feed Lisa this morning but she wouldn't take anything. She kept saying she didn't want anymore. The nurse said she kept asking for mom. She is squeezing a sponge ball and now we asked her to put it in her right hand and she is doing it.

Sunday, October 1

Lisa did not eat, so a feeding tube was put back. She pulled it out. (JR)

Monday, October 2

The nurse and mom got Lisa to eat breakfast. She is fairly responsive. She is having lunch now. (JR)

Tuesday, October 3

Lisa was having physiotherapy when we go there. They had her stand holding her. She was in a lot of pain but she did okay. She has this feeding tube in her and we are hoping it will be put in her tummy. She is very tired.

Wednesday, October 4

Lisa pulled out her feeding tube during the night and again this morning. I managed to feed her all her applesauce, half her Jell-O and a few spoons of milk. She is fairly calm but she keeps rubbing or scratching herself all over. She listens to what the nurse tells her and she follows their command. The nurse asked her to brush her hair and she brushed her hair.

Thursday, October 5

Lisa seems very tired today. She was sitting up this morning for about four hours. Apparently Lisa did not want to eat or very little. They had taken the tray away so was able to get a little applesauce and she took that.

Friday, October 6

Seems like Lisa is not hungry today. I know she is being fed through the tube. I wanted to feed her and maybe she took a spoon or two of a couple of things. Then she told me to eat it myself.

Saturday, October 7

Lisa responded positively to Jordana, touching her face and holding her hands. Lisa pulled her tube out and will not eat. However, she is quite alert. (JR)

Sunday, October 8

This is Barb. Lisa told me she love me and wanted to kiss me. She said Howard's name and we played a game of numbers and Lisa counted with me. Also, we played a name game and we got Lisa to laugh. Lisa ate grapefruit and eggs (a little bit) and she told me she wants to go home.

Monday, October 9

Lisa was very alert. When Jordana tried to feed her, Lisa not only opened her mouth, but also helped guide the spoon in. Later, Jordana rested her head on Lisa's lap and Lisa stroked Jordana's hair. MOTHER-DAUGHTER LINK RE-ESTABLISHED! (JR).

Tuesday, October 10

Lisa tired today. (JR)

Wednesday, October 11

Lisa had a feeding tube put into stomach. She is in pain because of surgery. (JR)

Thursday, October 12

This is Barb G. I came to feed Lisa tonight. She is not feeling well. The nurse says she had been feeling nauseous. I just held her hand for a while and let her sleep.

Saturday, October 14

Lisa still not feeling well. She had more x-rays (first done yesterday). She had ultra-sound. They put the feeding tube back and she has an IV.

Sunday, October 15

We found out her white blood cells were too high. Also too much medication which affected her liver. Lisa in a little pain and not eating but is being fed by the tube. White blood cells better today or will decide what to do about her liver.

Monday, October 16

Lisa is calm and alert. She did not want to eat but is being fed through a feeding tube.

This is Barb – I came to feed Lisa. I think she has a fever. She seems hot. I told her I want to feed her and that I came especially to do that from work. She is muttering words but I cannot understand. The nurse said she does not have a fever. She will not eat.

Thursday, October 19

This is Barb. Lisa is lying quietly with her eyes wide open but she won't talk to me. Lisa had chapped lips so I bought her some Blistex and she put it on her own lips. Lisa laughed when I asked her if I was Rubin. She finally said my name for me today. She seems so much better today and ate almost all of her applesauce. She would like orange Jell-O.

Friday, October 20

Lisa is quite alert and responsive. She is aware of what is going on around her. She knew that month end means time to reconcile the books at work. (JR)

Saturday, October 21

Well we're having a ball. Lisa is so alert and has been smiling a lot. She is waiting for us to tell her a dirty joke. Lisa was able to point out most of her cousins in the photograph today. Also, she told Jeff she likes fish (we don't think so). She told Zelda and me that she loves us – she look's great. (Barb)

Tuesday, October 24

Aunt Mary, what happened to all of your notes? I'm here trying to feed Lisa but she doesn't like the mashed potatoes. Her eyes are wide open and she has been smiling at me but only whispering. I'm waiting for her to speak out loud.

I asked Lisa if she wanted to tell me anything. She said she felt badly for what happened. I explained that it wasn't her fault and that we all thought she was a miracle for getting better so fast. I told her that it wouldn't be long before she would be up and walking and talking. I just mostly held her hand tonight. (Barb)

Thursday, October 26

I bought Lisa a magazine and she read the words, "soap opera." Lisa also told me she was afraid so I tried to tell her not to be and all the reasons why. Lisa was very tired tonight so I just read a little bit from the magazine and held her hand. Lisa spoke on the phone tonight (whispered) to her mom and dad.

Friday, October 27

Lisa was walking much better today. She seemed in less pain when doing so. Also, she pushed her wheelchair to the lounge. She also put on her sweatshirt by herself. (JR)

Saturday, October 28

Lisa pointed out Aunt Sarah in pictures. She recalled her name on her own (Sarah's).

Saturday, October 28,

6 p.m.

This is Shawn and Zelda. I offered to do Lisa's fingernails again today but she doesn't want me to. She said, "another day." We showed her a picture of her aunts and uncles and she picked out Donna.

Sunday, October 29

Lisa had to have her shunt removed as infection developed in her stomach. She was then moved back to NICU.

Friday, November 3

Lisa was moved back to C5. She did not need a new shunt as pressure normal.

Thursday, November 9

Lisa needed to have a new shunt put in. She had her surgery today but didn't need to stay in intensive care. For the past week, the doctors were checking to determine whether she could go without a shunt but no way, as there was too much pressure on her brain. Lisa has not been as great as she was. I think this is a temporary setback due to her infection. Last weekend Donna and Arnie came to visit. Unfortunately, Lisa was not up to her usual self that weekend.

Saturday, November 11

Lisa slept a bit today and has not been very responsive.

Sunday, November 12

Lisa is lying in the lounge chair. She looks great. She has been talking and I got her to smile but I think she just needs to sleep today.

Monday, November 13

Lisa is not very talkative or happy today. She will not eat her dinner. She will not point out anybody in the pictures. She doesn't know any names.

Wednesday, November 15

Lisa is trying to write her name. Lisa is now speaking with a voice. She told me she "wants to go home." She seems frustrated. I have been explaining what is happening to her. She said, "I understand." Lisa asked me "when are you going?" Today she has two very loud and annoying roommates.

Sunday, November 19

Lisa and Jordana are interacting. Jordana is giving Lisa playing cards and talking to her. Lisa is talking more. (JR)

Monday, November 20

Lisa and I (Jeff) are playing cards. She began to walk using a walker.

Saturday, November 25

Shawn and I (Zelda) arrived while Lisa was sleeping. The nurse said she was probably tired because she'd been sitting in the chair. We woke her up anyway and we talked about her move to the new hospital and told her how excited we were and how now she was going to get better faster. She said she'd work hard to be ready for our badminton game at the picnic next year. Lisa was a lot more attentive but she was still hard to understand. She talked a lot but we can't always make out all the words. I reminded her that it's her dad's birthday next week and she promised to say Happy Birthday to him. So, Sunday, December 3, remind her.

Tuesday, November 28

LISA TRANSFERRED TO QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL

Thursday, November 30

4:00 p.m. and she is sound asleep. The therapy has tired her out. The therapist (nurse) is very nice.

Friday, December 1

Lisa's speech therapist had her drink water to see if she could and she did fine. She also ate some bread, half a cookie and other foods. In physiotherapy she did pretty good walking and her balance was good.

Friday, December 1

Visited Lisa and talked to her. Very happy to see her. Told her she'll get better. She was restless and then went to sleep. See you on Sunday. To my favourite sister-in-law, I know but you still are. Love you forever, always. Get better soon. Remember, love means you we'll always be there. *David*.

Friday, December 8

Lisa is responding well to physiotherapy. She is walking with a walker and using her right hand to stack tubes. She said her right arm is sore. This is because muscles are weak. She had a bit of mashed potatoes and some ice cream for lunch. (JR)

Saturday, December 9

Lisa had a cup of ice cream for lunch. She and Jordana talked together and played quite a bit. It was great to see. (JR)

Sunday, December 10

It was Jordana's birthday and we had a party with Barbara, Ruby, David, mom and dad, as well as Lisa and me (Jeff).

Tuesday, December 19

Big storm this morning. I left work early so I could come and visit Lisa. She said she was fine but she was having a bad day. She said she's bored so I asked her what she could do to pass the time. We decided I'd bring her some magic marker or pencil crayons and something to colour. So next time I come I'll bring that and we can work on it together. (Zelda)

I was also here today (Barb). Lisa says she is not feeling well and she doesn't know what to do. She ate all of her ice cream but nothing else.

Saturday, December 23

Lisa is becoming more alert and asking questions. She had a cup of soup for lunch. (JR)

Mark and Barb are pleasantly surprised at how happy Lisa is to see us even though I woke her up. Lisa is asking Mark why he doesn't have a girlfriend in Hamilton. Lisa commenced conversation with Mark and asked him all kinds of questions; Lisa told Mark that Zelda was here last week. Mark told her that it was Zelda's birthday and she was 40. Lisa said, "boy is she old," then she looked at me and asked how old I was. Lisa said, oh, we're all getting old.

Lisa was great and very talkative and seemed happy. Mark and Lisa made a deal, Mark is going to lose ten pounds, Lisa is going to gain ten pounds, and Barbara is going to stay at the weight she is.

Tuesday, December 26

Lisa is getting around without a wheelchair. She had a nice visit with Luc and Jenny in the quiet room.

Thursday, December 28

Lisa ate fairly well. Zelda, Barb and Lisa walked up and down the hall. Lisa seems happy and we had lots of laughs and jokes. Lisa is determined to get out of her and she promised Barb that when she comes back from Florida she will be walking without any help (which she can already do) and will be eating more. We think Lisa should get a phone.

Saturday, December 30

Lisa got a TV yesterday and today she got a radio and a phone. The nurses said she is doing great. She is eating a lot better and is taking more of an interest in her personal care and hygiene. We played Rummy-Q and Lisa played and was quite sharp.

This is Barb – Lisa is great!!

Sunday, December 31

Lisa had toast, juice, ice cream and tea for breakfast, half a cheese sandwich on a bagel for lunch. I bought an Aero chocolate bar, which Jordana, Lisa and I shared. We walked down to the lobby and sat there for an hour. She is not using her wheelchair.

Saturday, January 13, 1996

Lisa came home for the day. She had lunch and dinner at home and ate really good. While she did not remember her home at first, she said it slowly came back to her.

Sunday, January 14

Lisa did not want to leave the hospital. She was full of questions and wants to know how she can get better.

Tuesday, January 16

Lisa's stomach hurt her so she called her parents at 10 p.m. to come. She went to Toronto General and the doctors are doing tests to see the problem.

Wednesday, January 17

The nurse told me that Lisa could go out with me if her husband and parents gave authorization. The nurse said the psychiatrist saw Lisa today. She has been on an anti-depressant. She is doing great.

Saturday, January 20

Lisa came to her parent's house. We had pizza for dinner. (JR)

Sunday, January 21

We went to a mall and for a drive. (JR)

Monday, January 22

Lisa and I (Barb) had Swiss Chalet for dinner. Lisa ate like a pig (so did I) – it was good! We stood and talked to Stan Cohen and then we went downstairs to the lobby, sat and talked about life. Lisa and I decided that we are going to go to a movie one day and eat popcorn.

Wednesday, January 24

Lisa had tube take out of her stomach.

Thursday, January 25

Lisa still has a little pain.

Monday, February 5

We're dropping previous notes off at Norman Freeman's office today. Lisa spent Saturday and Sunday at home with Jeff. She enjoyed being home.

Tuesday, February 6

Lisa seems happy today. She went to physiotherapy by herself. She seems very anxious to have a chat with either the doctor or social worker to find out when she will be home. She keeps telling us about Barbara visiting her. She was very pleased.

Friday, February 9

Jest spoke to Rose from physio. Lisa is doing very well. She is walking the stairs ok. She still has the right side of not doing so well. They are working on it. Lisa is going home today after speech therapy with Lisa Sokolov at 3:00.

Friday, March 22

Lisa came home for the weekend.

Saturday, March 23

Lisa had a seizure. Ambulance paramedics told Jeff to turn her on her side. She came to and took her to North York General. Then took her back to Queen Elizabeth.

Thursday, March 28

Jeff brought Lisa home for good.