

Soundbite Script – Print – After the fire

Eric Cunningham, burn survivor

"My kids were the ones who triaged me. My daughter called 911 and my son helped keep my arm cooled off with water. When my wife got home, I was transferred by ambulance to OSF." (:17)

Ginnie Cunningham, spouse of burn survivor

"He really couldn't talk; he was just standing in the garage and knew he needed a lot of help." (:5)

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"I felt immediately like a weight had been lifted off of me and that I didn't have to worry about being in the right place and that he was where he needed to be, and he would be taken care of." (:12)

Dr. Stathis Poulakidas, medical director, Regional Burn Unit, OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony Medical Center

"The psychological support that he needs is equally as important as the physical support that we give, from the surgical standpoint, wound care standpoint and the therapy standpoint. You're totally normal one moment and now, you have this bad injury and that makes an impact." (:19)

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"The thing that really sticks in your head every day is that process of having your wounds scraped to get all the dead and old material off and then getting that redressed. And as that got more intense, pain medicine helped. About five days into my stay, I had surgery for the skin graft." (:24)

Ginnie Cunningham, spouse of burn survivor

"Every time they came in to bring him water, they asked me if I wanted water. I felt like I was as much of a patient sometimes as he was. They really helped me process the trauma of what had happened." (:18)

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"What did I learn specifically from that? And how do I potentially help other people who are going through similar challenges – whether they're bigger or smaller." (:10)

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"That's why I fell in love with (treating) burns. These patients are some of the most grateful, most caring and most thankful patients that you'll ever encounter." (:9)