



Local Girl Recovering After Coma

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So little is known about why people stay in comas and why they ultimately come out of them. A Cherry Valley 9 year old says when she woke up at Northwoods Rehabilitation Facility in Niskayuna --two months after the car accident that put her there-- the first thing she said was, "What am I doing here?"

That's how 9 year old Rhiannon Davis-Fralick remembers it. At Northwoods, they tried to stimulate her visually, with sound and with touch. Rhiannon regained consciousness slowly, not all at once like on soap operas.

Her mother Mary, who initially wondered if she'd live, dared to hope the slow process of rehabilitation would bear fruit...until one day Rhiannon left a phone message at home. "I still have her message," says Mary, "Hi Daddy!!"

Rhiannon re-learned walking, talking and eating. She went back to school full time around Christmas---and is making straight A's. When asked how she feels Rhiannon says, "Pretty good...fabulous!!! Really yeah...there's not anything we have to worry about!"

Rhiannon is occasionally forgetful and therapists must watch for latent damage---but her mother says one change they've seen is her outgoing personality.

