

Burn patients, health care experts get active to help others

Group visited Capitol to advocate for burn prevention



Neils Christian Jensen and Daniel Kragh pose for a photo before going home from the hospital after treatment for burns.

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After experiencing first-hand the devastating effects of a burn injury, Daniel Kragh and Neils Christian Jensen are giving back to the burn community that helped with their incredible recovery.

In August 2017, Kragh and Jensen were struck by lightning while working on a combine in northeastern Montana and were airlifted to the Western States Burn Center at North Colorado Medical Center in Greeley, Colorado, for emergency treatment.

“It’s amazing to see the boys with such a positive outlook, it is inspiring and phenomenal,” said burn surgeon Lyndsay Deeter, MD. “Their outlook has played a really big role in their recovery. They had such great outcomes and are willing to give back.”

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Dr. Deeter and nurse practitioner Rebecca Garber, NP, joined Kragh and Jensen to attend the American Burn Association National Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. They went to advocate for the Portable Fuel Container Safety Act of 2019.

This safety measure would require compliant flame mitigation devices to be used on portable fuel containers for flammable liquid fuels and other purposes. Use of the device could potentially save millions of dollars in medical treatment costs, and more importantly countless lives.

Kragh and Jensen, who now live in Scobey, Montana, and Banner Health are working with the association to educate lawmakers about how to prevent accidents and further improve burn care.

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