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Brush, Colo., woman gives Banner Health reason to celebrate

North Colorado Medical Center discharged 100th COVID-19 patient Monday

Jocie Rocha of Brush, Colo., leaves North Colorado Medical Center with ambulance crews as the hospital's 100th discharged COVID-19 patient.

GREELEY, Colo. (April 13, 2020) – Jocie Rocha left North Colorado Medical Center to cheers and applause Monday afternoon and putting a smile on the faces of many hospital caregivers. Jocie was the 100th patient to be discharged from the hospital after being treated for COVID-19.

The 71-year-old Brush woman is moving via ambulance to a rehabilitation hospital closer to her Brush home, according to her son, Jess Ponce. Ponce said his mother has been hospitalized since March 18 and spent 8-10 days on a ventilator.

Monday afternoon Rocha reached out for high-fives from the hospital staff who lined the hallway to wish her well. An ambulance crew from Lincoln County Memorial Hospital in Hugo wheeled Rocha through the halls and to the ambulance.

North Colorado Medical Center has been treating patients with COVID-19 since mid-March.

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