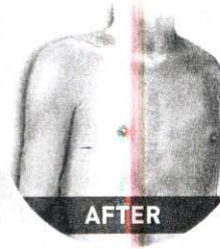


MORE THAN *a Matter of Esthetics*

Patients with pectus excavatum, otherwise known as sunken chest, can experience both physical and psychological ramifications. And, although the condition is not life-threatening, it can certainly be detrimental to a patient's quality of life. Such was the case for Saddle Brook residents David and Diane Goldsholl's 19-year-old son, who began showing signs of pectus excavatum at puberty.



Pectus excavatum occurs in approximately 1 out of every 300 to 400 births, making it one of the most common chest wall deformities. Males are three times more likely to have the condition than females.

"Because our son's chest was sunken in, his lungs and heart were compromised. If he did not have the surgery, these issues would have escalated with age," explained father David Goldsholl. "It was very important to us that we chose a surgeon with extensive experience in correcting this problem, so we spent weeks researching doctors in our region. This is not a surgery you take chances on with inexperience. We are so happy that we chose to have our son treated by Dr. LoSasso and The Valley Hospital."

Barry LoSasso, M.D., a board-certified pediatric surgeon based in Paramus, is committed to providing excellent outcomes to his patients – both physically and aesthetically. "I have devoted much of my practice to the research and performance of the minimally-invasive Nuss procedure for the correction of pectus excavatum. I was fortunate to be able to train with the world-renowned Dr. Donald Nuss, who created the procedure, and to use my training to develop a successful Center of Excellence for Pectus Deformities. Throughout my career, I have performed more than 1,000 of these procedures."

The Goldsholls were impressed with the entire experience from the moment they stepped into Dr. LoSasso's office through their son's recovery. "We truly had an amazing experience with the expertise of Dr. LoSasso and the staff at Valley," said mother Diane Goldsholl. "Our son is doing very well and we are so grateful for the care he received. Our experience was truly a great success and our trust in Dr. LoSasso and the hospital will always be remembered." ■

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