



BRAYDEN

Brayden was diagnosed with Craniopharynginoma in September 2016. Craniopharynginoma is a non-cancerous brain tumor located near the pituitary gland.

Brayden had a reservoir put in October 5th, 2017. With this type of tumor there was cystic fluid that needed to be drained, unfortunately his would fill up faster than the doctors wanted, and Brayden was having a procedure to have it drained every 6 weeks. The doctors decided they would do another brain surgery

to try and slow the fluid from filling up so quick.

On April 19th 2017, Brayden had transsphenoidal surgery, it was a text book surgery and everything went as planned. Brayden was still having head pain and was dripping fluid from his nose. A week later Brayden was diagnosed with a CSF (Cerebral spinal fluid) leak and needed another procedure to patch the leak in his brain and also place a lumbar drain to relieve pressure from his head. A few days later after some lab work came back abnormal Brayden was diagnosed with bacterial meningitis. He needed to have a PICC line placed to have 3 different types of antibiotics for the next 14 days. Along with all of this, Brayden was also diagnosed with Diabetes Insipidous, which is increased thirst and urine output and was eventually put on medication to help control the urine output. After 4 weeks he was finally discharged on May 16,2017.

Brayden was very weak from laying in bed and also was not eating. Brayden had an appointment on May 31,2017 for another sedated MRI and to discuss radiation. Brayden had 6 weeks of Radiation from June-July 2017. For about a year after Radiation everything was stable and the tumor was shrinking.

On June 2018 Brayden had a cortisol test to check his adrenal glands and unfortunately, they were not working which meant back on steroids (Hydrocortisone) most likely the rest of his life. We also have a steroid injection we have to give if he were to become unresponsive for any reason.

In January 2019, we got the official word that due to where Brayden's tumor is located, he has stopped growing. He started Growth Hormone Injections and it did not go well.

In September 2019, Brayden started Kindergarten and we also got to go on Brayden's Make A Wish Disney Cruise. It was an amazing experience and we had so much fun.

In November 2019, we started the Growth Hormone injections again and it is going much better.



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