



Date: August 21, 2015

RE: Elijah Nunez

DOB: 06/13/2014

MR: 60178665

DX: Neuroblastoma; Atypical teratoid rhabdoid tumor of brain; Chemotherapy induced thrombocytopenia, Atypical teratoid rhabdoid tumor of brain; Amenia due to chemotherapy

Dear Jessica June:

Elijah is a 14 month old male who was diagnosed with brain cancer at three months of age. From the beginning of Elijah's fight with brain cancer, it was determined that the entire tumor would never be removed surgically. The inoperable portion of his tumor is growing on his brain stem. Elijah had his first surgery to remove a portion of the tumor in October 2014. He began chemotherapy a couple of weeks after his brain surgery in November 2014. Early into his treatment it was discovered that the baby was not swallowing correctly. Shortly after beginning chemotherapy, the patient had another surgery to place a G-Tube for feeds. Nearing the completion of the chemo, in March 2015, he was given another MRI. This time the images showed that the tumor had grown and the Elijah began experiencing pain due to the tumor's growth. This all happened in April 2015. At this point, the doctor explained to Elijah's mom that he would be placed on palliative care. He explained that the goal of Elijah's care was to have more good days at home rather than days spent in the hospital. In late April, Elijah began radiation therapy to shrink the tumor enough to buy him some time. The radiation worked, for a while. This week, on 8/19/2015, Elijah had another MRI that showed the tumor had spread to his spine. It is unknown how many days, weeks or months that Elijah as left. Please consider helping the family as they begin their final chapter of life with Elijah.

Sincerely,

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