

Patient: Benjamin

Diagnosis: Ruptured Aneurism - (Bleeding into the Brian)

Christmas/08

Dear Dr. Rader:

I wanted to take this opportunity to say how thankful I am that you are in our lives. You mean so much to me and Benjamin and I felt this was the perfect chance to tell you.

Eleven years ago, when Benjamin was only 4 months old, (12/11/97) he developed an aneurysm which ruptured, he died 3 times and was resuscitated 3 times. His medical records say that his brain was anoxic/hypoxic for 30-45 minutes and I was given NO hope. After a few days his condition began to stabilize and he was weaned from life support. Ten days after he first bled into his brain, his aneurysm ruptured for a 2nd time. This time it was determined to be about 3 times the amount of blood as the first bleed and they gave him 24 hours to live. They had us plan his funeral and they even described to us what his last breath would look like. It was the most painful moment of my life.

Then unexpectedly he began to stabilize again and remained in what the doctors called a "Semi-Vegetative" state.

Although we were given no hope for any type of recovery for Benjamin, I refused to give up on my son and began my search for anything that could possibly help him.

After 2 years of constant searching using everything I could find from the internet, to reading actual medical journals, I heard about stem cells. I began really researching and digging to determine if stem cells could possibly help Benjamin. I eventually found Medra.

In the summer of 2000 we first met you and it has been the best thing I could have possibly done for Benjamin. I believe the Lord used you to save Benjamin's life — it is during this time of year as you know, that I write you to once again thank you for what you continue to do for my son and I want you to know how grateful I really am. We always cry and marvel in how far my sweet boy has come. He continues to improve, in spite of all the hopeless and negative medical predictions I was given from that scary rough start.

We continue to see his personality develop and every day he understands more and more of what we are saying to him. His vision also continues to improve. He has gone from 20/2700 to recently being tested at 20/470. His quality of life has changed drastically. You can see the little person inside emerging. I have you to thank for that. This is by far, the greatest gift of all — seeing my lovely son continue to get better. After each treatment we seem to always see bigger changes. His brain is being rebuilt from the ground floor up. Also

his seizures have significantly reduced in number and intensity. When we first came to see you he suffered with over 500 major seizures a day and now he is down to only about 10 very minor seizure like episodes.

One very special trait you have is that you BELIEVE. You were the only one of all the professionals that took a chance to BELIEVE in Benjamin and treated him like a person, and not a "fixture". The treatment you give is giving my son life, hope for a future, and I know he now believes in himself. He works so hard in therapy and he just amazes everyone. I think that it is because he is encouraged because he knows he is getting better all the time. You're belief in my son means so much to me.

You dared to BELIEVE that you could fight the establishment of main stream medicine and offer fetal stem cell treatments that could so dramatically change lives and you dared to BELIEVE in patients who were given no hope at all.

On the other hand; we believe in you. We trust you with all our hearts. You have helped us above and beyond Benjamin's stem cell treatments. You have become family to us. We truly love you and pray for your health and safety.

Benjamin and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!