

Evan was diagnosed with Stage 4 Group 4 Embryonal Rhabdomyosarcoma of the prostate with METS to his left lung on Oct.2 2013 at the age of 5. He had just started Kindergarten when he presented with the inability to urinate and was sent to Maria Fareri Children's hospital @ Westchester Medical Center. He had no prior symptoms or health problems. He was just a happy healthy normal 5 year old child. His course of treatment was a 52 week therapy under COG protocol with 10 radiation treatments to the lungs and 25 to the prostate region. At approximately week 40 of treatment (which was actually week 60 in real time) it was found that the met to Evans left lobe, which had originally shrunk excessively with chemo treatment, regrew). As a precautionary measure he underwent a lung resection of the tumor, which was believed to be post radiation inflammation, only to find out that it was, in fact, microscopic disease. At this point the original COG protocol for chemotherapy treatment was discontinued and Evan underwent a stem cell harvest so that he could proceed through what is considered "high dose chemotherapy with a stem cell rescue", being an Autologous transplant, to give him his best chances at long term remission. In Nov. 2014 During high dose chemo and transplant to beat back microscopic disease Evan incurred Anaphylactic shock, presumed as a side effect of high dose chemo on his organs, and had to be resuscitated and intubated for a 2 week period of time. It was found that he had severely decreased lung function as well as severe heart dysfunction. As of March 2015 Evans heart as well as lungs have fully recovered. He is currently in transplant after care and in the midst of disease evaluation with a consideration of further surgery to remove the original prostate tumor which still exists in what is believed to be a state of necrosis and a further minimally invasive biopsy to his lower abdomen for microscopic disease evaluation.