

Our son was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer called Langerhan Cell Histiocytosis, when he was 7 months old. He immediately began an intense regime of chemotherapy. A port was inserted under his skin that was a transport mechanism for the chemo. He was regularly injected with the chemotherapy as well as having to take oral steroids and anti nausea drugs to keep him from vomiting. That continued for six months. After tests the tumor had disappeared and he was taken off the chemo.

Within three weeks however the cancer returned and spread throughout his body, including his skull. We were flown to Sydney and again started on chemotherapy, but a different kind. This treatment continued for about 12 months with no definite success. Some tumors went away while others emerged. We were very worried. The doctors said it might go away naturally without chemo so we gave this a try but it came back much worse. Our son was quite severely effected, at one point unable to move because of the pain. He was bed ridden and on extremely strong painkillers.

We began thinking of alternative options and were advised by friends to visit Dr. Qi Xin Chen in Ryde, Sydney. We visited Dr Chen and we were given hope immediately from a very positive Dr. Chen who made changes to our sons diet as well as giving him acupuncture regularly and herbal medicine to be taken daily. At the same time, Doctors at Westmead sort advise from a colleague in Canada who specialized in Langerhan Cell Histiocytosis, and a third course of chemotherapy was started. This was oral and could be administered from home.

From that point on the tumors began shrinking and eventually our son's scans became clear and after about two years he was taken off the chemotherapy.

We don't know if it was the chemotherapy or Dr. Chen or our prayers that has cured our son, we believe it was a combination of many things including this little boy's fighting spirit. Our son continues to take herbs and sees Dr. Chen every six months as well as being scanned at Westmead and will do so until he is eight years old.

As parents this experience is the most emotionally painful you could ever experience. You feel powerless and helpless. However, having a successful result and having our son all clear, makes it a positive experience because our eyes have been opened to all the loving and caring people who give their time and energy for others. We recommend Dr. Chen to everyone we come across who is suffering from cancer.

We are eternally grateful to all those who have strived to heal our son.

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