

## Carter, May 2007

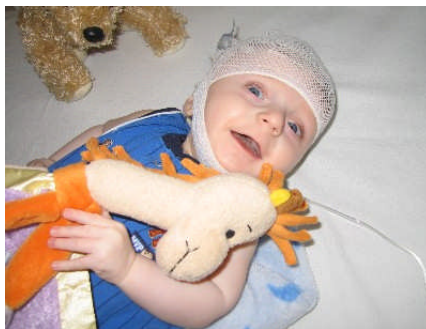
We had started thinking that the older that Carter got, the tougher our hospital experience would be. However, he still is cooperating quite well and continues to be a happy little guy during our time in Montreal. A few days before we left for the hospital, we could tell that Carter was getting a little uncomfortable and was due for a treatment. He wasn't sleeping as well, but didn't seem to be in a lot of pain. He still loves all the attention he got from the flight attendants and since we flew through Winnipeg both ways, our travel time was short.



Carter's IV insertion was quick the next morning and we really enjoyed seeing all the nurses again. Of course they remembered Carter with his crazy hair! We took him to the playroom, "Le Parc", for story time and then attended the family barbeque outside.



Carter had another bone density scan with great results. His bone density had increased by 34%! That was wonderful to hear and the doctors also seemed to be really happy with his growth and developmental progress. Carter has started holding his head up, holding his own bottle and really tries to roll onto his side. He gets stronger every day....this does make Mom a little nervous as he moves around and wants to roll over!



Besides the amazing healthcare staff, the hospital also employs awesome child life workers. Angie was in the playroom when we were there and she played and played with Carter. She turned on music for him, got out all sorts of toys for him, let us take the toys back to his room, and as you can see in the picture, she blew hundreds of bubbles for Carter. He had a great time in there and also loves the aquarium like he has at home.



We met more kids with O.I. again this time and enjoyed hearing their stories. There are always some similarities in our situations, but also so many differences in where these kids have come from. The number of fractures varies so greatly from child to child and you can see the toll it has taken on their bodies when they have experienced so many breaks. Once again we feel incredibly blessed that Carter was able to get to the hospital at such a young age, but we also know that at whatever stage a child is at when they get to the hospital, they will still get help and will still get better.



Carter's next treatment will be on July 24-26. We appreciate all of your thoughts and prayers for Carter and our family.

Love,  
Mike, Jennifer, and Carter Brown