

Carter – November 2007

Our sixth trip to Montreal brings Carter's first year of treatment to an end. He has done incredibly well with an increased bone density of over 60%! His overall strength continues to improve and he started sitting up all by himself at the beginning of October. We are so proud of him and know there are an endless number of things he will now be able to do in the future. Carter didn't get restless and uncomfortable before this trip like he usually does. Hopefully this means that we are getting closer to the point when his treatments can be stretched out further apart.



One big thing that happened this time was the change of Carter's IV from his head to his hand. Usually a baby goes from head to foot to hand, but Carter was ready for the big step to his hand. He did not make a peep as the nurses were working and by the time I looked over, they had the little board under his wrist ready to wrap him up. Not a tear from Carter or from Mom this time! He was a little hesitant to use his hand after that, but a few hours later, he was back to normal.



It was easier for us to have the IV in his hand as he wasn't pulling at it nearly as much as before. It was a lot itchier in his head and he was more curious to know what was there. Now that he could see the bandage on his arm, he didn't really care too much about it. By the last day when he wanted something to chew on, he just grabbed the closest thing! A few close calls with his line, but no major problems!



Our flights were good with only a minor delay in Winnipeg on the way home. Carter's always ready to be home by the time we get back and looks around his room with a big smile as soon as we walk in. He does like all the time he gets to spend with both parents in Montreal, but it's nice to be back home.



We will be heading to Montreal again at the beginning of January and will likely have our first big conference with all of the members of Carter's team. We don't really know what to expect, but will likely discuss his progress made thus far and plans for the next year. It will be good to know the next steps we'll be taking and possibly when any surgeries might take place. We know we'll be in great hands whatever happens.