

# SUPERHERO KIDS - KAYNE



**My name Dani Cook, I live in Sydney and Kayne is my son. This is our story.**

"Kayne was a healthy toddler until January 2013 when he started vomiting upon waking, lost his speech, and became wobbly on his feet. He was lethargic during the day and screaming in pain at night.

After many trips to our local hospital Kayne was diagnosed with a brain tumour on March 25th 2013 (exactly 1 month before his 2nd birthday). We were rushed from our local hospital straight to Sydney children's hospital for emergency surgery for the next day.

Upon speaking to Kayne's neurosurgeon we were told that Kayne's tumour was the size of a lemon and was in his cerebellum. We were told that if it had been left undiagnosed Kayne would have only had 2 weeks left to live.

After an 11 hour surgery, Dr. Reddy, Kayne's neurosurgeon told us that he was able to make a full resection. Kayne spent the next week in ICU under sedation with an EVD tube in his head to make sure his fluid pressure would remain stable. He then spent the next 2 weeks on the neurological ward learning to walk again.

On May 9th we received a call that the results of tumour were back and Kayne would need to come in to start chemotherapy. May 10th Kayne had his central line inserted and oncology discussed the results. They were worse than we could imagine. Kayne had been diagnosed with AT/RT, a very rare and very aggressive form of brain cancer with children diagnosed under 3 having a 10% survival rate, although oncology gave Kayne 50%.

Kayne started a very harsh protocol of chemotherapy and radiotherapy. In May 2014 our worst nightmare happened, Kayne's MRI had shown a bright spot in the tumour bed. So Kayne went back for his second brain surgery. Dr. Reddy was confident that he got the mass



and that was confirmed with an MRI. Two weeks later oncology called to tell me that the mass had just been scar tissue and that chemo was continuing as normal.

So after 18 months of treatment (25 cycles of chemo, 6 weeks radiotherapy and 2 surgeries) Kayne went into remission on September 21st 2014 and is doing well."

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