

Matt's Update

As of today, 3/21/08, Matt is doing OK. He's finally able to keep some food down and sleep through the night. He was taken to the ER at Washington Hospital, a few nights ago. He was having severe chest pains, a hard time breathing and uncontrollable shakes. It turned out to be more than likely an anxiety attack. I think it finally hit him, what was going on and what he was about to go through. He's been pretty quiet these last few weeks, but he finally broke down and said he was really scared of what was going on and what was going to happen. It was a very emotional time for Matt, his Mom and I, that night in the Emergency room.

Matt's Radiation has been moved up a week and he starts treatment, this upcoming Wednesday March 26th. He will have radiation, Mon-Fri, for six weeks. They may give him a few Chemotherapy cycles, during radiation, if he can handle them?

Matt will be receiving (30) Radiation treatments, to the Tumor area of the Brain and (10) Radiation treatments to rest of the Brain and Spinal Area. The Spinal Fluid test was negative, so the treatments to the rest of the Brain and Spinal area will be treated, with less of a dose (Thanks for all the prayers for that).

After Radiation, Matt will receive Chemotherapy, for about ten months.

Matt and his Mom will be staying in Fremont, during the six weeks and if Matt feels up to it, we will try and get him home to Arnold, for the weekends. Matt is really a homebody and loves to be home with his family and friends.

Matt's Grandma (Nana) gave him A's tickets for Christmas, for the opener on April 1st and the second game, on April 2nd. Matt is a diehard A's fan, so I hope he feels up to going to the games, it will really put a smile on his face.

We want to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers and time spent helping our family, through this very difficult time. The community in Arnold has been great. We've had dinners brought over, ever since we've been home from the hospital. They have helped get our other two children, back and forth to school, baseball practice, volleyball practice, etc...

A special thanks to Gigi, who is home schooling Matt and helping him pass 6th grade. It takes special people, in times like this and we are very fortunate to have family and friends we can count on.

A special thanks to Bob and Shan, for putting together this web site and to all the folks at Elma and GE, who help ease the pain a bit.

I will try and update this page as often as I can, so if you want to hear how Matt is doing, please check back in.

Again, thank you for all the love and support,

The McCullough Family