

Matt's Update

As of today, 6/18/08, Matt is at home. Matt and Irene are heading back to Stanford tomorrow morning, for another dose of chemo. Matt had an MRI last Wednesday night and three different chemo's on Thursday. The MRI results showed no signs of tumor growth (Yeah!!) Matt stayed the night at Stanford, last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and came home Saturday. So far Matt is doing better than we expected. He has been sick from the chemo, but Stanford is doing a great job with his medication, to keep the vomiting to a minimum.

Matt is still not eating much regular food, he's still feeding through his tube. Matt is having a hard time keeping regular food down. They tried to change his formula about two weeks ago, but his body wasn't handling it too well, so they switched him back. He's still feeding through the tube (18) hours a day.

Matt has gained some weight back, he now weighs about 65 lbs. We still need to get a few more pounds on him, but it's a slow process.

The fundraiser last Sunday was overwhelming. There were so many people who attended, it was amazing how everyone came together. If I had to guess, I would say there were at least 500 people who showed up throughout the day. I want to thank everyone involved again, who helped with Matt's day, it really lifted our spirits.

Matt's 5 weeks at home, seemed like it flew by compared to the 6 weeks he had of radiation. During Matt's 5 week break, he had to see his doctor, Dr. George, in Angels Camp a few times and go to the hospital in Sonora a few times. All in all, it was a good break for Matt and everyone else.

Matt's home Nurse, Josie, continues to come by at least twice a week. He has to have a few IV's this week at home, to keep him hydrated.

Matt's chemo program consists of A cycles and B cycles. The A cycles are the toughest and he will have (6) of them and (3) B cycles. He will go through (2) A cycles, then (1) B cycle. He will repeat that regimen (3) times total, within about a one year time frame. Each A and B cycle will consist of three different chemo types.

Tomorrow is the **"Blood Drive"** for Matt, at the "Chapel of the Pines" in Arnold. It's from 1:30-6:30 PM. You will need a valid photo ID, with your birthdate to participate. All participants will receive a "free Baskin-Robbins coupon".

Thanks for checking in and as always, thanks for all the love and support. I will try and post some pictures of the "Hair Buzzing Days", "Relay for Life" and the "Fundraiser", as soon as I can.

The McCullough Family