

CM

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We found out about CMs CDH at 33 weeks gestation. He was extremely active in the womb so they were never able to get a good ultrasound - so I went in for routine checks and they noticed his heart was displaced and sent me to a high risk doctor. There it was confirmed and I had 6 weeks to process the information before they were going to deliver him via Csection... he was born November 6th 2017, where there were 20 nurses and doctors in the OR ready for his arrival.

Once he was born he was immediately intubated and I got to see him for 2 seconds before they took him to the NICU. Six hours later we got the call he was stable enough for us to visit. He was the most handsome guy I had ever seen! He surprised all his doctors and was well enough for his repair surgery at 3 days old.

We had a quick NICU stay of just 3 weeks. Since leaving the NICU he has been diagnosed with GERD, pulmonary hypertension, weak muscle tone, torticollis, plagiocephaly, developmental delays, speech delays, CBP, and severe sleep apnea (both obstructive and central).

To look at CM you would never know he has faced any adversity... he is always smiling and loves life! He is almost 1.5 years old and had his last surgery to remove his tonsils and adenoids in April 2019. I can honestly say that he is who I aspire to be (yes even at 1.5 years)... to go through what he has and still smile all day long - he is simply amazing!

