



Child's Name: Elliot Strutton

Age: 4 Years

Hometown: Chickasha, OK

Diagnosis: Childhood Leukemia (ALL/AML)



Background: Meet our very 1st VHR Kid, Elliot "Eli" Strutton!! Eli is a 4-year old boy from Chickasha who was diagnosed with Leukemia currently undergoing chemotherapy treatments at OU Children's Hospital. Due to treatment intensity and immunocompromised state of his diagnosis, Eli has weekly follow ups with doctors for medication and side effects monitoring along with frequent hospitalizations due to heightened infection risk. Eli's parents will continue to travel to OKC for follow up doctor visits for several years as part of his standard care.

Information: Childhood Leukemia is the most common type of cancer that white blood cells in the bone marrow, where blood cells are produced. It is characterized by the rapid production of abnormal, immature white blood cells (myeloblasts), often called "blasts" multiply and crowd out healthy blood cells. Symptoms include fatigue, easy bruising or bleeding, frequent infections, and swollen lymph nodes. The most common treatment is chemotherapy and in some cases a bone marrow transplant is needed. While it can be difficult to diagnose, most children with childhood Leukemia can be successfully treated and achieve remission.

Illness/Disease Color:

Leukemia Awareness Month: September

