



St. Jude patient Colton,
kidney cancer

Colton's Story

Sociable, outgoing Colton came to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital® because he had an aggressive form of kidney cancer called Wilms tumor with displaced anaplasia. His treatment included chemotherapy, radiation therapy and surgery to remove his left kidney. He was upbeat throughout, but the idea of major surgery was scary to him. "I was nervous," he admitted. "I was like, 'Is it gonna hurt?' I said I was gonna fight the sleepiness. I was like, 'I'm gonna count to a hundred.' Then I woke up. Stitches, tube up my nose, a drainage tube and ugh...."

Despite all of this, Colton loves St. Jude and its kid-friendly atmosphere. "I've never seen anything like it," he said. "It's awesome."

Colton's treatment at St. Jude came at no cost to his family, because families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing or food. Said his dad, "Both of us being here with him and not working would have been tough if we had to figure out how to pay for it. We're very fortunate that we were able to come here. He has received top-notch care that I don't believe we could duplicate anywhere."

Colton has now completed treatment and back at home enjoying life.

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