



St. Jude patient Imani, brain cancer
pictured with her mom, Sarah

Imani's Story

Imani was in hospice, declining after brain surgery for glioblastoma. She was just 5 weeks old. Her parents, both doctors, were powerless to save her. Said her father, Khurram, "I prayed. I wept. I purchased my baby's burial plot."

Then came a phone conversation with an oncologist at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital®, who said, "I've treated this before, and some people have even been cured."

So Imani's parents bundled her up and boarded a plane to Memphis, unsure whether they were doing the right thing, but desperate for hope.

At St. Jude, Imani started chemotherapy. Slowly but surely, she began to thrive, and put on weight with the help of a feeding tube. She began to roll over. She began to smile. By March, the tumor had shrunk enough for a long and complicated surgery that removed it entirely.

After several more months of chemotherapy, Imani finished treatment and went home, where she is growing bigger and stronger every day. Her parents are filled with joy and thanks for the milestones they've celebrated, milestones they once never thought they'd see.

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