



St. Jude patient **Emma**,
brain cancer

Emma's Story

Gymnastics, softball, basketball – athletic Emma was never sidelined by her headaches and nausea. She even competed in a tournament shortly before her symptoms were traced to a cancerous brain tumor.

Emma underwent surgery at a hospital near her home, where the entire tumor was removed. But surgery is not sufficient treatment for medulloblastoma. So Emma was referred to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital®, for chemotherapy and proton therapy.

Said her dad. "Some of the best doctors in the world are here, and this is what they focus on every day: kids, and curing kids." St. Jude is leading the way the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and other life-threatening diseases.

Emma spent Halloween at St. Jude, costumed as a glittery unicorn and trick-or-treating through the hospital. She spent Christmas at St. Jude, too. But now, Emma is home, cancer-free, and back to athletic pursuits, with her competitor's spirit is unchanged. She said, "I would say to cancer – I won this battle; you didn't."

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