

Celebrating His Second Chance at Life Again

Abstract

Sooraj was an athletic teenager who is diagnosed to have blood cancer. He meets his donor and undergoes stem cell transplantation. Finally, he celebrates his second chance at life. The author pens down this experience in the configuration of a poem.

Keywords: Blood cancers, ethical concerns, hematopoietic stem cell transplantation, HLA-matched donor

Sooraj was a bright, adolescent,
An all-star athlete in his hometown...
When he first began feeling tired,
And exhaustion brought his world
crumbling down....
Concerned about their son's lack of vigor,
His parents led him to the labs...
Sudden, painful diagnosis of the blood
cancer,
Was nothing short of a cruel jab...
At present, the only hope to save him was a
stem cell transplantation,
Although intriguing, he lay in a grave
situation...
Albeit no one in the family could help him
right then,
Since HLA matching was a requisite
obligation...
Helpless and feeble his family was worn
out,
Despite their persistent efforts and ventures
throughout...

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Facing the odds, all along, until they found
someone,

Who mirror-matched their son's report
beyond all question...

Hooray! Finally, his cure came from
Manohar,

Biologically unrelated, yet fully matched
donor...

After facing much trouble and continuous
pain,

Sooraj set out to celebrate his life again.

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