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Was there anything you did to prepare for Emmie's first treatment?

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Just wrap your head around it. That's pretty much what you can do. I mean, just prepare yourself to you know it's going to be a journey, and this might be longer than what even they the doctors are telling you. So just prepare for the worst and hope for the best.

What was life like immediately after that first treatment?

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It's different, you come home with medical stuff that you've never had. I mean, you come home with, you know, saline and then different medications that you've never even dealt with, and administrating them to her, and it's a bit different.

How is it now that she's experienced several treatments?

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Just that we're more appreciative of the time now, I mean that we can, you know that we're home. It's just you don't you take it for granted how much you know you can be home and and you can be you know, not feel like you know you're always at the hospital, the hospital, you know it's not home. It doesn't feel the same.

What does life look like when treatment eventually ends?

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Fun! Hopefully we can go out and have a vacation and just, you know, have her do normal kid stuff. I mean, you know, just go swimming and then and just have fun with her brother, not have to worry about any lines getting caught up on anywhere. Or hopefully, just, you know, as much as we possibly can. Not worry too much about all the time, about her and her health.

What advice would you give to parents or patients from small rural towns starting treatment?

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Try to try to do as much as you can in the hospitals that are close, because it does make a difference. If you're far away from home, it does. It can be hard to be traveling all the time, so the closest you can be from to home, be home, just in case, you know, you need some help or something.

Anything else to add?

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For any parents out there, just to be, you know, patient. It takes a lot of patience to go through this, a lot of faith too, that you know everything's going to be okay, even when it doesn't seem like it'll be okay. You know you'll get through it.