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Cord blood saved baby with Growth Development Delay and Quadriplegic Cerebral Palsy

First diagnosed with cerebral palsy at 3 months old, this 6 year-old boy's condition improved gradually after having received cord blood infusion.

Mr Tan (36, IT Professional) and his 37 year-old wife bore their only son, Ee Han.

When Ee Han was about 3 months old, his parents realised that his neck was soft and he was unable to lift up his head. After further checks at KKH, it was concluded that he had Growth Development Delay and Quadriplegic Cerebral Palsy. In addition, the ENT doctor also confirmed he had severe hearing loss in both ears.

Mr Tan said: "My son has to undergo multiple therapies and make use of mobility aids to do simple movements such as using the straw to drink water and clapping his hands."

When they knew about their son's condition, they were devastated. "To my wife, it felt like the world had come to an end."

Due to severe hearing loss in both his ears, little Ee Han only started to vocalise after being fitted with hearing aids, and started sitting up and crawling after he was 2 years old.

A few years later, Mr Tan remembered that he had stored his child's cord blood with Cordlife Singapore. They decided to put Ee Han through a cord blood infusion and his condition improved within a few weeks after treatment.

"He can sit up on his own and has better control of his emotions."



Parents learnt to make yogurt and mashed potatoes for Ee Han's health

Both Mr Tan and his wife learnt to make yogurt and mash potatoes at home so as to provide a healthy diet for Ee Han.

Due to Ee Han's condition, the family has had to make changes to their lives and pay more attention to details, just like taking care of a baby.

"We need to prepare a diet suitable for him and in the process, we also learnt to prepare the food at home."