

After treatment with her brother's Cord Blood, little girl touches 200 days milestone post cord blood transplant

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A six year old has crossed the 200 day milestone after a life saving cord blood transplant.

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Neha Sharma, a six year old was diagnosed with a rare metabolic condition called MPS VI, Mucopolysaccharidosis VI in which patients have symptoms such as short neck, abnormal head shape, deformity of joints, increased abdominal girth, heart murmur, visual difficulties, and respiratory difficulties. By the age of one Neha started missing her major growth milestones that a normal baby would achieve in infancy and that's when her parents discovered that there is an abnormality. Given the type of disease that Neha had, doctors were not expecting a normal life span for her and recommended that she required a stem cell transplant.

The diagnosis came as a big shock for the family and they were clueless on how to help their little angel. Father of Neha, Mahendra Sharma said, "When we got the news our world stopped for a while. We met the doctor and they asked us to go for a stem cell transplant, but we were clueless if we would ever find a donor!"

After long discussions and endless doctor visits, Neha's parents were asked to plan a second baby to eliminate the struggle of finding a stem cell donor. Little did they know about the treatment and concept of stem cells. Mr. Sharma said "We met representatives of several cord blood stem cell banks but they were only ready to offer banking service and not transplant assistance. When we met technical directors and cord blood transplant experts from Babycell, we saw a ray of hope. Babycell assisted us with collection, processing and preservation of our second baby's cord blood stem cells, at no cost!"

Just a couple of years after her baby brother was born, the stem cells from his umbilical cord blood were transplanted into her after a series of hematological and metabolic tests. Finally using his cord blood, Neha was treated for MPS 6 in January 2016, at Apollo Hospital in Chennai, India. Today Neha and her family are celebrating her 200 days milestone post transplant.

Neha has managed to talk fluently, facial deformities and visual disabilities are gradually vanishing. She is physically and emotionally more responsive with her body now showing steady growth. Her father said, "Neha is doing really well, she has coped up with the transplant and has sailed through it all, it feels like a new birth of our daughter."

They are so happy with Doctor , who performed the transplant. Mr. Sharma said , "Thank you just does not cover it all, Babycell and the Doctor have given us unconditional support and we have no words to express our gratitude. Without them my daughter would not have survived for too long. There would have been a vacuum in our life forever if our daughter would not have been treated" Neha is enjoying her normal healthy life.
