

My son, CLARK was born with Trigeminal Neuralgia.

Now 5, he has spent every day of his life in pain and knows no other existence. He was born via C-section and was vacuum delivered by his head, a procedure meant to safely bring him into this world, yet he immediately exhibited painful symptoms from an ailment we couldn't identify. I thought it was colic, I thought it was teething. I thought it was because he's a "boy". He couldn't open his mouth to speak, he spun without spatial awareness, pushed me relentlessly and barely responded to his name. I kept bringing him to developmental paediatrician evaluations, but I didn't get any answers. Finally we were blessed with Jeanette Yavaldakis, a speech language pathologist, who suggested an Oral Surgeon, who then suggested a Neurologist, who lashed lastly suggested an MRI for Clark when he was 3.

It confirmed he had an inflamed nerve where his head meets his neck, which he likley suffered during the C-section.

He was prescribed gabapentin and all of a sudden he could talk, he looked when I called hi name, he stopped spinning and he only hugged me tight during flare ups.

He could finally enjoy being a kid.

