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Patient: **Kyhiem Harrington**
Date of Birth: **1/1/2021**
Date of Visit: **10/14/2022**

To Joanna Matheny:

Kyhiem Harrington has been followed at UNC Health Care since age 4 months when he was admitted to the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit due to severe non-accidental trauma. He was found to have acute and chronic brain bleeding, multiple skull fractures and bilateral retinal hemorrhages (bleeding inside his eyes). He was also found to have multiple bilateral rib and clavicle fractures and a left lower leg fracture. On exam he was noted to have multiple healing burns to his right chest and feet. He was discharged from the hospital after 18 days.

Kyhiem was having severe seizures when he was admitted and has continued to have multiple daily seizures. He has been tried on and failed multiple anti-seizure medications and continues to take 4 daily medications for seizure prevention. We plan to admit him to the hospital in the near future to initiate a diet therapy for prevention of seizures which is only used in patients who have failed multiple medications.

On exam, Kyhiem does not have any purposeful movements. He does not roll over or sit up, and does not reach out to touch objects. He is blind, and seems to have hearing impairment. He has developed muscle spasticity requiring multiple therapies, medications, daily stretching, and bracing to prevent contractures of his arms and legs. He is fed by a tube which has been inserted into his abdomen. He is given a high dose of medication 4 times a day to help with irritability and perceived pain, and continues to have daily episodes of crying and apparent discomfort.

Due to his severe brain injury Kyhiem will require total care for the rest of his life. He will require feedings through a feeding tube and will need someone to provide all of his basic hygiene needs, including changing his diapers and bathing him. I expect his seizures to continue, and he will require multiple medications to prevent seizures and treat his underlying conditions for the rest of his life.

It is impossible to know his life expectancy, but it is common for individuals with brain injury to die from chronic complications as a result of the initial injury.

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