

## Luke's Story

Our little Luke came into this world as a bounding 9lb 8oz bundle of joy! He was born via C-section after a 24 hour labor that failed to progress. But all that didn't matter because my beautiful boy was finally here. It was at my 2 week baby check that my baby's pediatrician had concerns about Luke's head shape but reassured my husband and I that many baby's head shapes can take a few weeks to remold after birth. As he grew, we noticed that his head never did really round out and he always had a long, narrow head shape with a big ridge on the top. At his 2 month baby check, Luke's pediatrician made a referral for us to be seen at the Pediatric Head Shape Clinic at the Stollery Children's Hospital. We were so scared and overwhelmed - however, the nurses we met at the Head Shape Clinic were so supportive and understanding. They even arranged for us to see a pediatric neurosurgeon that same day. Dr. Vivek Mehta diagnosed Luke with sagittal craniosynostosis. He spent a lot of time explaining the endoscopic sagittal synostosis repair surgery. By the end of our appointment, we felt confident in what we needed to do. Within 4 weeks our little Luke had surgery on his skull. We were in hospital for only 3 days and home by the weekend! He was such a little champ! All the nurses and doctors who helped take care of Luke were unbelievably wonderful. They are the angels amongst us!

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