



Nathan wanted better support surfaces for cancer patients. His mom, Kim, chose NPT3™ in his memory

Pediatric Cancer Patient's Legacy to Fund Better Support Surfaces

Despite an osteosarcoma diagnosis at age nine, and living most of the next seven years in the hospital, Nathan Silpath was an incredibly positive teenager. Which is why, when he voiced concerns about his mattress, the team at Nemours/A.I. duPont Hospital for Children listened.

"He said, 'I wouldn't let a dog sleep on this bed,'" remembers his mom, Kim. "You need a bed that kids can be comfortable on."

Nathan passed away peacefully in January 2018, but only after establishing Nathan's Story Childhood Cancer Organization—a 501(c)(3) dedicated to providing comfortable, healing support surfaces for other young patients.

Shortly after, Tom Kopec, RN, WOCN, worked with Kim to test three mattress replacements, ranking each for durability, comfort, and bounce. That last point was important. Like so many other parents of cancer patients, Kim spent many nights right next to Nathan on his expandable hospital bed. She recalls having to remain completely still to avoid waking him—often sacrificing her own sleep.

They ultimately chose the NPT3™ gel-infused foam support surface. Its thermal-neutral foam quickly dissipates heat, and an optional alternating pump and 12 air cells help maintain optimal comfort.

"It was absolutely perfect, what it provides with air and gel and ease of use," says Kim. "You can change the amount of air to make it firmer or softer. The [pump]—you can't even hear it running—that pushed NPT3 over the top."

Today, as the president of Nathan's Story, Kim remains dedicated to funding additional support surfaces for A.I. duPont and other children's hospitals.

"Nathan wanted to help other children fighting cancer," says Kim. "He was amazing—not just because he was my son. That was a bonus."

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