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Kailee Wells transplant went as expected

MILWAUKEE (11-8-05) On Monday, Nov. 7, patient Kailee Wells underwent a bone marrow transplant at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin to treat severe aplastic anemia. Cells from a well-matched donor from China were infused at approximately 3 p.m. Central Standard Time.

"The marrow infusion went very well. There were no problems, and Kailee continues to do as expected," said David Margolis, MD, program director, Blood and Marrow Transplant Program. "If successful, the infusion of genetically matched cells will offer Kailee's system the chance to 'reboot' and begin growing healthy blood cells again. I anticipate we will start seeing signs of cell growth in 10 days to two weeks," added Margolis, who is an associate professor at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Aplastic anemia is a bone marrow failure syndrome. It occurs when the bone marrow is incapable of producing three kinds of blood cells: red cells, white cells and platelets. A reduced number of red blood cells causes anemia. A reduced number of white blood cells causes susceptibility to infection. A reduced number of platelets increases the risk of bleeding with even normal daily activities.

Through the tireless ongoing efforts of Children's Hospital staff, Linda and Owen Wells, the BloodCenter of Wisconsin, the National Marrow Donor Program, the International Marrow Donor Program and countless additional individuals, a genetic donor match for Kailee was identified this past September in China.

Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, founded in 1894, is rated as the third leading center for pediatric health care in the United States, according to a comprehensive 2005 Child magazine survey. Children's Hospital is the only freestanding Level I Trauma Center in the region that cares exclusively for children and adolescents. In 2004, the hospital was designated a Magnet hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, a national honor that recognizes nursing excellence. Children's Hospital is the flagship member of Children's Hospital and Health System. Private, independent and not-for-profit, the hospital serves children and families from Wisconsin, the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, northern Illinois and beyond.

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