



*Creating a Culture of Donation*

The *New Normal*  
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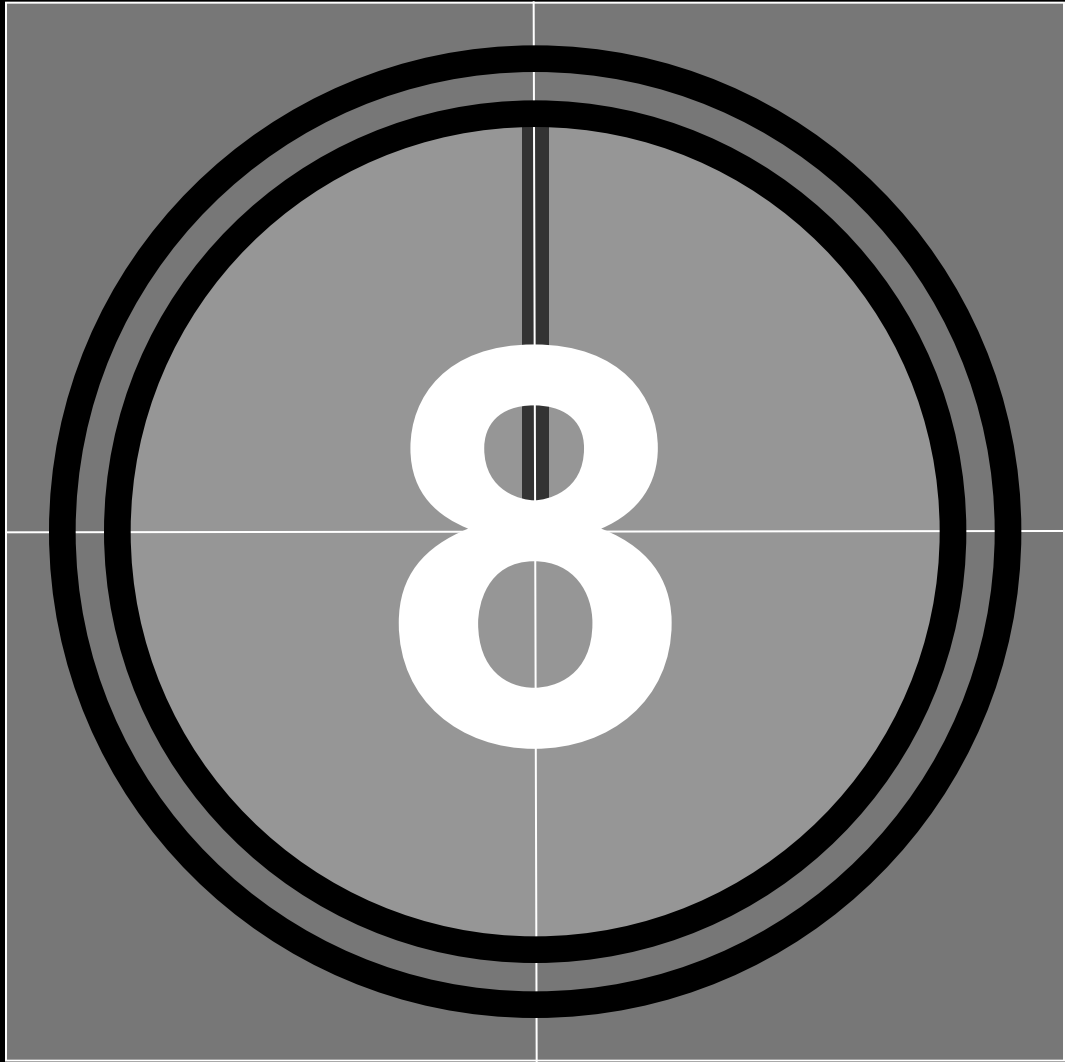
# ELLIOTT

## Thanksgiving 2009





3 weeks later....  
back to school &  
then a  
“really bad side-ache”







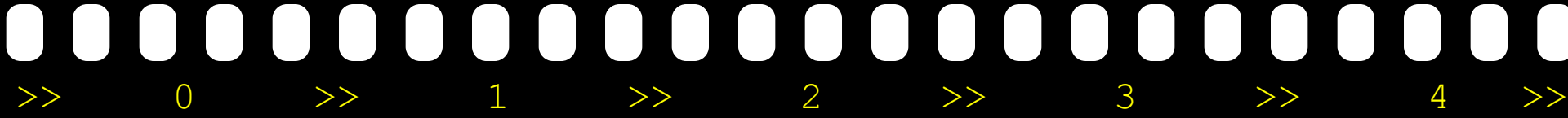
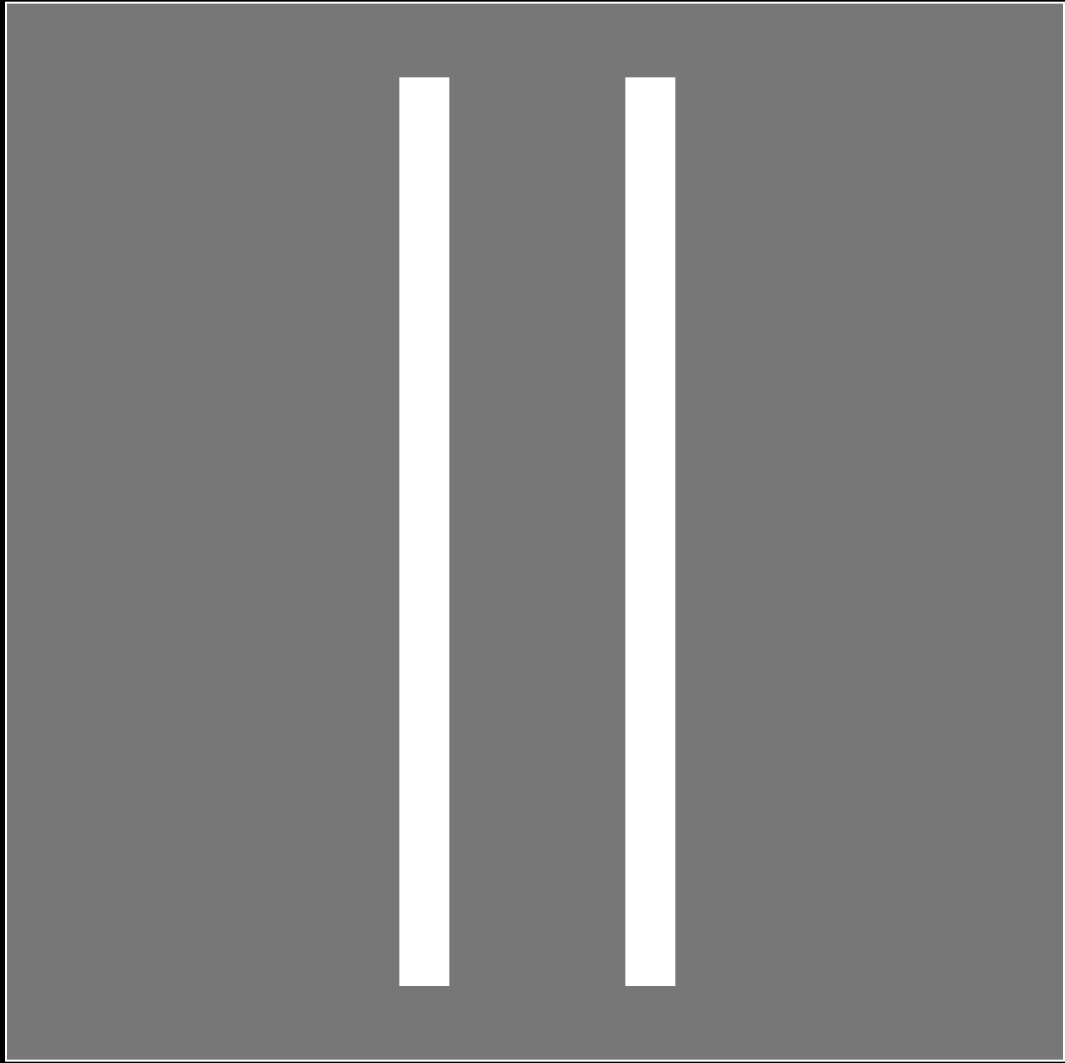
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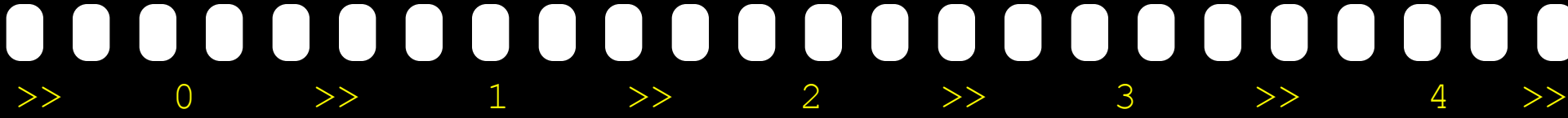
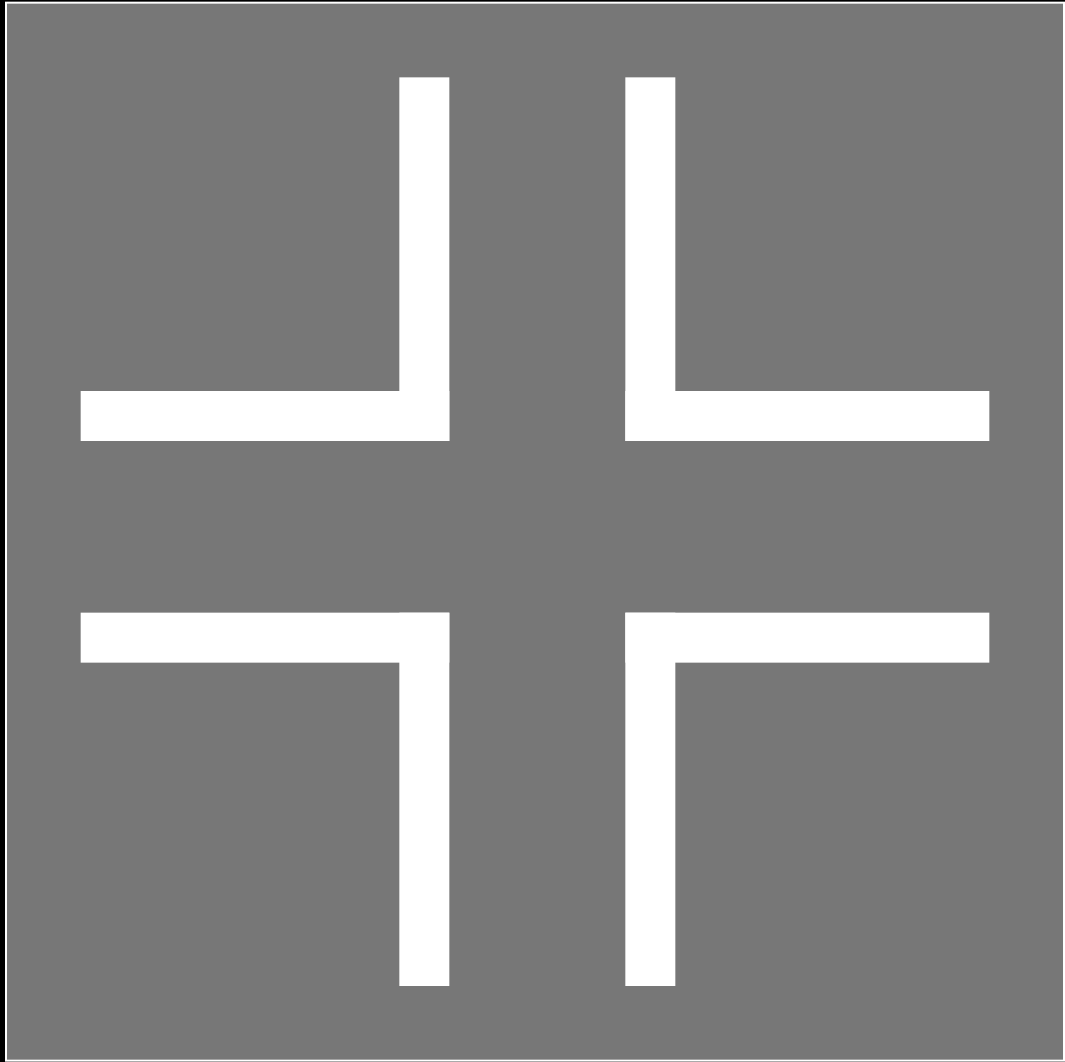














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# Trigger Event Realization or Diagnosis

- Emotional adjustment – SHOCK .... action!
- Communication with medical team & family, friends, co-workers, neighbours
- Decision-making with & for the patient
- Trusted confidants begin to emerge



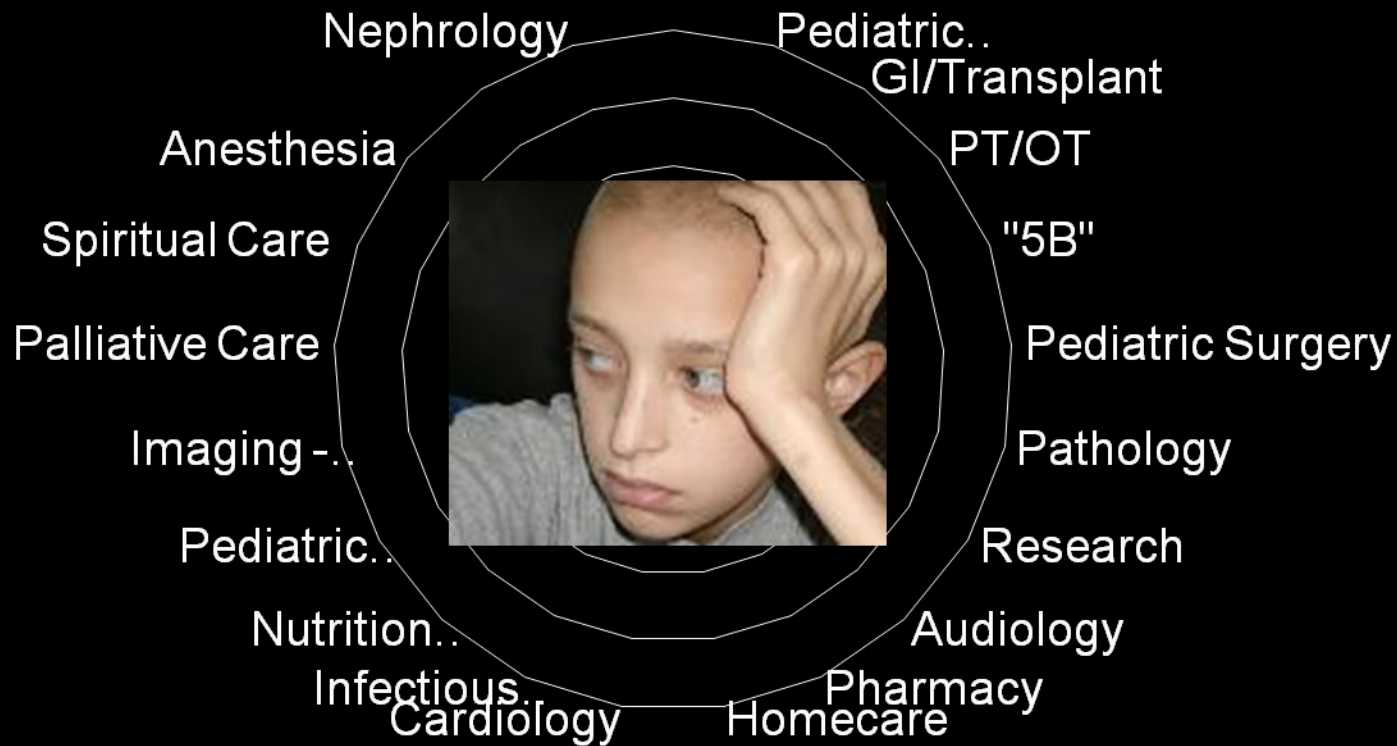
# Diagnosed with Hepatoblastoma December 2009

- Resection of 11 cm tumor & rapid reoccurrence of cancer (5 weeks)
- Four rounds x four drugs = chemo
- Liver transplant (June 11<sup>th</sup>)
- Post-op sepsis = extended peds ICU stay
- HAT/relisted & transplant (June 24<sup>th</sup>)
- Two rounds x four drugs = chemo [again]



Hepatoblastoma – Recurrent Hepatoblastoma –  
Survival Rates – Impact of Significant Chemotherapy  
HAT – “Staging” – Organ Waiting Lists  
– PELD/MELD Scores –  
Blood-borne Disease Transmission – Depression  
– Rejection –  
Pain Management – Refeeding Syndrome  
Medication Interaction – Immunosuppression

# Complexity & Confusion





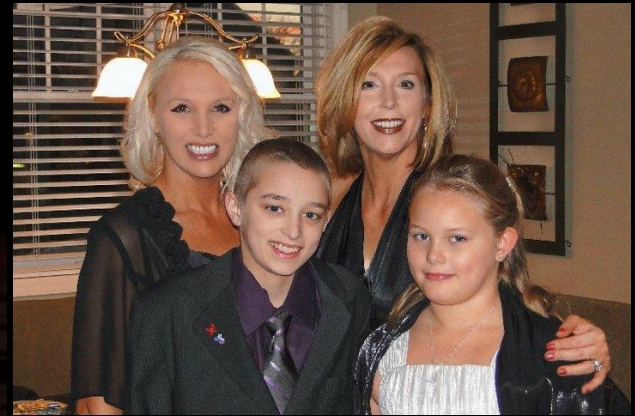



Elliott  
Awaiting Transplant  
Summer 2010

# Life Adjustments









“For anyone who hasn't seen or  
been around Elliott recently,  
he is soooo strong,  
so healthy, so tall,  
so happy, so energetic, just so  
**Elliott *Version 2.0*”**

- *CaringBridge* entry by Uncle Sean







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Gratitude  
Appreciation  
Wonder  
Joy  
Adventure  
*NORMAL*





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