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Audra Wilford: Max was diagnosed with... it was a very emerging case. We were taken probably at about this time by ambulance to Children's Hospital of Orange County where we are told we would have an immediate brain surgery, his brain was hemorrhaging.

He had a tumor that was growing out of the brainstem, filled the fourth ventricle and invaded the cerebellum.

Surgery the next morning so that would be tomorrow morning six years ago and the neuro surgeon came to us and said,

"This is a really tough one. You'd come to us in 30 days and your son would not be with us. So this is what we're going to do... we're going to try. The oncologist is going to come to you and then we're going to try.

But at some point the efforts to achieve quantity of life are going to compromise quality of life. And I'm going to ask you to agree with me that we're going to stop there. We're not going to do more than that. We need to maintain the focus on this child's quality-of-life."