

Sudden Onset Tourette-Like Mystery Illness (1) Indiana Case 2011-0907 Timeline

Date of Onset:	9/07/2011	Date report prepared: 2/7/2012
Name of Case Reported :	Sam from Indiana (Alias)	
Address:	Confidential (Lives in town)	
City, State:	Northern, Indiana	
Age at date of onset:	15-1/2 years	
Sex:	Male	
Race:	CAU	
Siblings:	(1) Brother-Age 19, (1) Sister-Age 19 (1) Sister-Age 13	
Parental Marital Status:	Divorced since fall of 2008	
Name of Father:	Jake (alias)	
Name of Mother:	Abby (alias)	

Activities:

Band (High School), Winter Drum-line (High School)
Summer Camping at a local campground

Previous Notable medical conditions:

Allergies: mostly airborne, Trees, Grasses, Ragweed, pollen, molds(unknown), food(unknown)

Allergy remedy: Prescribed daily Singulair 10mg(Montelukast)

Previous major surgeries: None

Orthodontic treatment: braces had been removed for a number of months prior to 9/7/2011

General Notes:

Well respected and liked by classmates-especially his high school band family
No disciplinary issues at home or school

Community Information:

Rural-Town surrounded by agriculture- some small dairy farms, mostly flat terrain and farmland

Town Population roughly 12,000

Industry-Mostly Metals, metal plating, rubber, iron foundry, aluminum foundry

Spring flooding occurs often and many areas prone to flooding during extended rainy periods.

Sam's Onset symptoms:

Seizure-like involuntary and prolonged facial muscle contraction of the left cheek (causing a pronounced wink-like feature near the left eye), very frequent continuous involuntary muscle contraction of the left leg and left arm (causing a continuous ticking movement), intense headache, intense pain in the back left side of the neck, slight confusion, dizziness, various numbness features on the left side of the body (face, leg, arm), movement of head to the left side due to involuntary muscle contraction in the neck and neck pain. Long term memory deficiencies were likely prevalent but not known at the time by other family members. In ability to walk due to the noted symptoms. Limited vocal communication was possible but difficult due to the previously noted features. Vocalization throughout the event was normal within the envelope of the symptoms noted above.

Sam had fallen suddenly ill on the early evening of 9/7/2011 between 5 and 6 PM. His mother was at home with him and had noticed some distress in the minutes prior to the motor symptoms occurring. His mother promptly contacted his father via phone. Minutes later, she followed up with another

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contact alerting Jake of the distress that Sam was in. Jake arrived at Abby's home minutes later to witness the symptoms noted above.

Sam required assistance from both his parents to move him from the floor in the house to a private vehicle outside the home. Sam was immediately transported to a local city hospital and arrived in the Emergency Room within 5 minutes of leaving his mother's home.

Preface:

I am Sam's fraternal uncle. Sam's case was first mentioned on a flutrackers.com thread posted in regards to a recent news report of (6) teenage girls from LeRoy, NY who were exhibiting Tourette-like symptoms due to unknown cause(s). The LeRoy cases had occurred prior to 11/4/2011 but were caught on a local news story from LeRoy, NY by Emily and posted on 11/28/2011. Mention of Sam on this thread first occurred on 11/29/2011 by myself. This was in an effort to communicate to others that a similar illness had also been observed in our town in Indiana. At that time on 11/29/2011, some of the LeRoy cases had been diagnosed but the diagnosis nor the cause of the illness was known to the public. Also mentioned in my post about Sam was another local Indiana case that I was aware of at the time. The second case I reported was of a female that was the same age as Sam and was also a Junior that attended the same school as my nephew. The second case is briefly mentioned here but the focus of this report is on my nephew. For future reference in this report I will refer to the second case as Kara. There was also one other case that had been hospitalized from the same high school just days prior to 9/7/2011. Although, that case, to my knowledge, never developed into any acute type of motor nor vocal disorder. I have limited record of that third case but do know it involved a sudden onset of serious complex migraines in a female student just days prior to Sam's onset. There were at least four other cases that were mentioned by both doctors and other social contacts during the first six weeks of Sam's onset. Although, no additional information was obtained because of a lack of means of contact with parents of the other cases. In addition, I do not know the extent nor any details of the four additional cases. Again these (3) cases were from the same school. I do not have the details of the school(s) attended on the other (4) cases but understood they were within a 15 mile radius of our town.

For reasons of privacy and simplicity, I will use the alias of "Sam" in place of and reference to my nephew. This is not my nephew's actual name as well as Kara is not the name of his classmate. Also, both "Jake" and "Abby" aliases were used for his father and mother respectively.

The purpose of this report is to communicate as much information as possible about this case that occurred in northern Indiana around the same time period as the LeRoy, NY cases. The symptoms of the LeRoy cases, as presented by the media and the LeRoy case interviews, appeared very similar to both Sam and Kara. The fact that these cases dates of onset were a matter of a few days apart from each other, and that both cases here in Indiana and the LeRoy cases occurred without prior knowledge of each other, made me curious as to what the cause might be for these cases that occurred over 400 miles apart.

As of the date of this report, there are currently at least 22 people that are reporting symptoms in both the towns of LeRoy and Corinth, NY. Though most of these cases are between the ages of 12-17 years, there are at least (2) that are older than 18.

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As of the date of this report, Sam's illness has not yet been diagnosed. Testing has not provided sufficient markers to indicate a medical diagnosis. His motor issues(tics are no longer present), although long term memory loss of events prior to 10/26/2011 and intense headaches on the left side of his head remain and are being treated. As of 2/8/2012 Sam reports the headaches feel like they are from the center part of the left side of his head. This was his best description.

Sources:

The information provided in this report comes mostly from Jake and his father's social network journal from his Face book wall. Although not ideal, this provides some valuable insight as to what was going on prior to and directly after the sudden onset event occurred. This has some drawbacks in that an assumption is made here that anecdotal recall is accurate both in information and is non latent. Although this is acknowledged, Jake was consistently posting prior to and throughout this event even the most common things that were going on in the household. Furthermore, Jake does an excellent job of using Face book to communicate the status of Sam throughout the early weeks and months of his illness.

Medical records would have been preferred but were not available for use for this purpose. The value of this report then being to give various notable clues and at times specificity to events that occurred up to a year prior to the date of onset of Sam's illness on 9/7/2011. The entire 237 pages of Jake's Face book wall was edited to include only posts that were relevant to Sam or what appeared to me to be noteworthy. This process provides some opportunity for prejudice on my part when selecting the content that is not obviously directly related to my nephew. Although, I did my best to include anything that would give clues as to what was going on at any given time. This included family illnesses that were ongoing and mention of Sam's school band events.

The original 237 pages was cut down to about 48 pages. The posts themselves were left intact other than changing names of referenced individuals and locations. Much detail was left in to provide as much relevant detail as possible. Spelling in the original post was not corrected. I hope this will serve as a valuable tool to compare with the details of the case histories of the LeRoy students. Also, as indicated in the timeline itself, there are comments that I added to clarify the content of the Face book posts. In addition to that, there were a few notable events that were recalled and confirmed by myself, Sam's friends and Jake. These events and my added comments will be noted in italics and will be in *blue text color*. Most all of the remaining text is from Jake's Face book post unless otherwise noted.

Again, the goal being to assist in any way to determine the cause(s) of the sudden onset of these symptoms in these individuals with no immediate prior indications of illness.

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We begin in August of 2010. I went back this far because I and Jake had recalled that Sam had been ill and out of school for a number of weeks in the fall of 2010 during the month of November. As I was researching I discovered a news story about a strange odor that caused an evacuation at Sam's high school in the month prior to this and had resulted in 7-8 high school students being treated at the local hospital emergency room. I thought that was notable although, I am not sure it is relevant.

The Face Book Journal and Comments Follow:

August 2010

August 13, 2010 at 4:04 am

Jake - Marching band preview show was awesome! Great job Sam! (oh, and the rest of the band was good too!)

August 26, 2010 at 7:20 pm

Jake - is sick. Congested, mild fever, sinus infection.... yeah....

August 31, 2010 at 5:18 pm

Jake - \$167.50 worth of medicine! This is definately the most expensive cold I've ever had! Can't imagine the cost if I didn't have insurance.

September 2010

September 1, 2010 at 9:11 am

Jake - at Doctor's office... cold turned into ear infections. (NOT GOOD) Going home with several scripts. Praying anti-biotic pills clear it and I wont need I.V. meds again...

September 2, 2010 at 4:59 am

Jake - Ok. Left eardrum definately ruptured. I can blow air thru it, and can taste the ear drops. I hope the meds kick in soon! (I would have listed the dizziness, but it would have left too many coment possibilities.)

September 3, 2010 at 7:26 am

Jake - My Mom always said that it's nice to share... Anyone want some ear infection, or ear pressure, or the pain involved? I've got lots....

September 4, 2010 at 1:04 pm

1 person likes this

Jake - is trying his hardest not to whine about the pain in his ears, but come on! I don't wanna play this game anymore!!!!!!

Comment: While I was doing research on the LeRoy cases around the 1/2012 time frame, to my surprise the search engine hit on one of my queries displayed a link to an article concerning an

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evacuation that had occurred at Sam's school here in Indiana back on 9/10/2010. I thought this was odd, I had not recalled hearing of this event. When I later asked Jake about this, he also did not specifically remember it either. The school was evacuated due to multiple students detecting an odd chlorine("bleach-like") like odor. The school was quickly evacuated and as a result, 8 students were taken to a nearby hospital. The students were being treated for reported symptoms such as, difficulty breathing, , dizziness, coughing, sore throats, and burning eyes. The investigation never determined the cause nor the root source of the odor that caused the students symptoms that were recorded and observed by the hospital that treated some of the students.

Online comments are included relating to the local TV station report and are un-edited and provided for reference.



**“Our County” High School evacuated - 14 students taken to a hospital
Friday, 10 Sep 2010**

“OUR TOWN”, Ind. (“LOCAL TV STATION”) - Emergency crews were dispatched to “Our County” High School Friday afternoon after a report of a bleach-like smell coming from the art room. “News Station” has learned that fourteen students were transported to a hospital. The students complained of difficulty breathing and dizziness.

The “Nearby Small Town” Fire Department arrived at the school at 3:44 p.m. Soon after, the school was evacuated. The “Our Town” Fire Department's Hazmat Team was called in for assistance.

After checking the entire building, crews did not find the source of the odor. The school administration is investigating the incident with the “Our County” County Sheriff's office.

A My Report photo submitted by Logan - shows two firemen escorting a female student outside the school.

Comments on the Article above:

Comments (33)

Sort by: Date Rating Last Activity

Guest · 73 weeks ago

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2012-0203-Sam Case Detail-with Alias names

2/10/2012 2:11:13 AM

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yea, that meth has a funny odor

Reply

2 replies · active less than 1 minute ago

Logan · 73 weeks ago

Actually I'm pretty sure it was propane, or a sort like that.. Way to make a joke of kids being sent to the hospital, I'm the one who sent in the picture, and it wasn't very funny watching people come out in oxygen mask.

Reply

superdave · 73 weeks ago

nobody got hurt so quit crying and shut up

Reply

Rick · 73 weeks ago

6-8 patients were transported and had to be decontaminated, as well as 4 emergency vehicles.

Reply

"Our County High School" Student · 73 weeks ago

It was a gas leak.

Reply

Elizabeth · 73 weeks ago

"bleach-like smell" and "students complained of difficulty breathing and runny eyes.".....Kind of sounds like maybe someone could've accidentally (hopefully accidentally) mixed bleach and ammonia together. That's a very nasty combination. Hopefully everyone will be okay. Prays going out to everyone involved!

Reply

person · 73 weeks ago

WOW

Reply

god · 73 weeks ago

.... happens!.....

Reply

"Our County High School" student · 73 weeks ago

there were only three students taken to the hospital and we were evacuated a little after 3:00, not 3:44. oh and because the news is hounding the school to get information, thier not letting students in to get thier stuff anymore, so thanks a lot news channel 15.

Reply

6 replies · active 73 weeks ago

"Our County High School" student 2 · 73 weeks ago

yah the fire alarm went off around 3:00 give or take a few min because it was almost SPT.

Reply

"Our County High School" student 2 · 73 weeks ago

the school was evacuated before the fire department got there

Reply

Sam · 73 weeks ago

thats not true i just got back from getting my stuff

Reply

"Our County High School" student · 73 weeks ago

they let u into the school but not the classrooms unless ur car keys or cellphone was in there. they won't let us get our books.

Reply

sam · 73 weeks ago

well who wants them anyways

Reply

guest · 73 weeks ago

went off around 2:50, i was sitting in study hall. chilled outside until 3:50.

Reply

Marisa · 73 weeks ago

Such a waste , and overblown story, incident. People are so stupid here.

Reply

1 reply · active less than 1 minute ago

Marc · 73 weeks ago

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Then don't read it...

Reply

*John · 73 weeks ago
go to [AE911truth.org](#)*

Reply

*1 reply · active 73 weeks ago
Jay · 73 weeks ago
9/11 theorist nutcase!!*

Reply

*rich · 73 weeks ago
wow look at all the dumb comments, my daughter was in the art room where the problem originated, and also went the hospital along with 6 others which equals 7 not 14 or any other number. fact 5 out of 7 said there was no smell while being interviewed at the hospital. Another fact the school didn't notify my wife or i, or any other parents of children that went to the hospital. Thanks "Our County High School" Central for having a worthless disaster plan. I was told by a school official that they had no phone because they were evacuated. Across the parking lot is the Administration building, do they have phones? Final thought: the school has no idea what caused coughing, sore throats, and burning eyes.*

Reply

4 replies · active 73 weeks ago

Guest · 73 weeks ago

Rich, thanks for posting the facts!! People blow these stories so far out on this site it is ridiculas!! I personally am glad my child does not go to "Our County High School" I would be furious had my child been transported to the hospital with no phone call to myself or his father. I would definitely have a chat with the principal regarding their procedures!

Reply

Sophie · 73 weeks ago

My son goes to "Our County High School"... Love the school... and YES we did get a call at 6:23 PM in fact. I am not sure why you did not? My friend even got one and her child goes to "Local Elementary School" (Elementary) so not quite sure why you did not get a call??? My son was not even one that went to the hospital... and we STILL got a call....

I have NEVER had ANY issues with "Local Elementary School", "Our County High School" Middle School, or the HS... They are taking the next 2 days to investigate the issue. They are actually taking this VERY seriously. What more do you want them to do????

Reply

rich · 73 weeks ago

You child wasn't involved ? i might have a different view, because mine is.

my point was i didn't get a call when my daughter was transported to the hospital, i got the recording like everyone else, 3 hours after it happened, the next 2 days to investigate? the maintenance is going to monitor it. As i was told last night for the school

Reply

Guest · 73 weeks ago

And why didnt we see Dept. of Homeland Security there? Hope nothing serious ever happens there..."Our County High School" Central Admin is a joke.

Reply

god · 73 weeks ago

so hard going to schhol nowadays.....bunch of babies!!!

Reply

1 reply · active 73 weeks ago

Marc · 73 weeks ago

You can thank those who decide to sue everyone and anyone over anything...and you can thank the ambulance chasers...but, in the end, I agree with you...overblown...my kid goes there...everyone is waiting for the big news story...oh, and to the genius who commented about meth...grow up!

Reply

Sam · 73 weeks ago

WOW WOW WOW

Reply

Sams BL Sqqudd · 73 weeks ago

OOH THIS IS CRAZY "Our County High School" ANY WAY HOPE YALL BE SAFE AND NO GOT HURT

Reply

Jess · 73 weeks ago

Many mixed "facts" here. There has to be a source of the problem that caused students to go the hospital.

1. If I was not notified that my student was at the hospital I would be contacting someone in higher authority at the hospital. Fact is the child is under the age of 18 and they are responsible for contacting the parent, not just the school.

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2. *"Our County High School" needs to revise or revisit their Disaster plan that they have in effect. Obviously the chain of command had no clue what they were doing and no one knew what to do.*

3. *The news station can only report "facts" that are confirmed by the school, hospital, and family. With all of the mixed facts on here I can see why the numbers do not match.*

I hope we hear soon what happened.

Reply

been sprayed · 73 weeks ago

mace or pepper spray I will bet. Kids being kids. Way overblown. Bigger news would be rich's story.

Reply

1 reply · active 71 weeks ago

Guest2 · 71 weeks ago

Good call, their saying that it may have been mace now.

Comment: A second regional newspaper article on the 9/10/2010 High School evacuation event is provided below.

September 11, 2010

**"Our County High School" students sickened by odor
| The "Big City Newspaper"**

A mysterious bleach-like odor caused the evacuation of "Our County" High School on Friday as well as the hospitalization of more than a dozen students. The "Nearby Small Town" Fire Department was called to the school at 2:44 p.m. after people began to notice a strange odor and some students had trouble breathing. A school official said the odor was coming from the art room and an adjoining hallway, according to the fire department.

The "Our Town" Fire Department's Hazmat Team was called to check the building, but the unit could not find the source of the odor. Some students complained not only of trouble breathing but also of dizziness. In all, 14 students were taken to a nearby hospital.

School officials and the "Our County" County Sheriff's Department are investigating the cause.

September 12, 2010 at 12:32 pm

Jake - So proud of Sam and the Baron Brigade!

Comment: The post below was included because locally, many dog owners were commenting around this time of having dogs that had become very ill, very lethargic, acting out of sorts, and having mild seizure-like symptoms. I personally do remember this as I had mentioned our dog acting very strange and out of sorts. Almost in a daze, and exhibiting twitching like symptoms. Especially when the dog was trying to sleep. I had no knowledge prior to mentioning this to my brother that his dog also was exhibiting the same type of symptoms. At the time we both discussed how odd this was and that we had both heard recent similar accounts from other pet owners. Our dog eventually got over these symptoms after approximately one month. The dog illness had developed concurrently with anecdotal reports from many in the community reporting ear, nose and throat type infections. Just prior to Jake noting a seizure event he had been ill as noted in the previous posts. Jake's dog is an in house dog that all family members have contact with on a regular basis.

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September 16, 2010 at 5:49 am

2 people like this

Jake - just witnessed his dog have some kind of seizure, and can't imagine life without him. Hoping it's not the beginning of the end....

September 27, 2010 at 5:42 pm

3 people like this

Jake - Opening parade of fair tonight. Going up to watch The Baron Brigade!! Go Sam!

October 2010

October 31, 2010 at 11:34 am

Jake - They did great! they went from 10th last weekend to 8th at state! They all worked so hard.

Comment: Sam becomes ill around 10/30/2010

After multiple doctors visits, he is diagnosed with a concurrent case of tonsillitis and mononucleosis. He is having bad headaches and neck aches. He misses about 7-9 days of school during this event. Jake remembers having to ask the school for homework and some frustration in having to ask multiple times for teachers to get assignments around so he can pick the information up from the school.

November 2010

Afterwards, Jake(his father) is also becomes ill around 11/9/2010, with ear and sinus infections that progress later on into a respiratory infection. This follows Jake's similar bout with infection previously experienced during the month of September 2010.

November 3, 2010 at 11:35 am

Jake - A child must have tonsillitis 5 times in one year before insurance will pay for surgery. He now has different meds and some good pain meds

November 4, 2010 at 12:22 pm

Jake - is disgusted by how an insurance company can tie a doctor's hands at giving needed care while his son sits at home in severe pain.

November 3, 2010 at 4:56 pm

Jake - Got a call from doc. Tonsillitis with a side of Mono. His girlfriend better not be sick too! His pain pills are helping a bunch.

November 8, 2010 at 8:02 pm

Jake - Two sick kids at home. Zero vacation days at work.... It's Monday.

November 9, 2010 at 4:20 pm

3 people like this

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Jake - New health care reform idea.... Doc doesn't get paid until my child is healthy again.

November 10, 2010 at 6:33 pm

Sarah -It's going around. Got me good. Can't shake it. Hope you feel better soon!

November 11, 2010 at 6:07 am

Jake - 101.3 Not only is my current body temp, but it's also a great radio station out of "Nearby Town"

November 11, 2010 at 7:07 am

Jake - Well, after playing Doctor Dad to 2 sick kids, it only makes sense that as they are leaving for their Mom's house, I now have a fever and am not feeling well... I'm going to bed.....

November 12, 2010 at 5:59 am

Jake - Not gonna lie, I don't do well when I'm sick. Not complaining or whining, just stating fact.

November 13, 2010 at 3:45 pm

Jake - Starting to feel a little better illness-wise, now if I could just find someone to trade spines with

November 18, 2010 at 6:09 am

Jake - is sick AGAIN.....

November 18, 2010 at 6:30 am

Jake - Me too!!!! Santa is breathing down my neck, and I can't afford to be stuck at home!

November 19, 2010 at 8:45 pm

Jake - I think a double dose of laxitive would be the best cough medicine.

November 21, 2010 at 5:05 pm

Jake - Off to church with "Sam's Younger Sister", then hoping for a relaxing, recovering day on the couch! It's been a rough week in so many ways.....

November 23, 2010 at 10:01 am

Jake - Raising 4 awesome kids has taken a toll on the old man's body! I have given ALL of my awesomeness to them, leaving myself in an un-awesome state of being... Also having problems with my back, and a perstant fever.... Sam might have shared his mono with me.... that is NOT awesome.....

November 23, 2010 at 10:44 am

Jake - Cricket, I am taking care of myself, thats why I went to doc today. I do sometimes take a back seat for the kids stuff more than I should, but they are EVERYTHING to me, and they come first.

November 23, 2010 at 10:51 am

Crysthia -Good! Your a great parent!! My sister in law also got some bad news this week a kidney stone blocked her tube and in the last few years has detroyed her kidney thank god we can live on one. Too bad we aren't rich so we could all get full body testing and X-rays every year because I think the age factor is coming down on us. **I hope u don't have mono!!**

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November 23, 2010 at 10:58 am

Jake - Mono or not, having great friends helps! Thanks, and hope things go well for your sis-in-law!

November 23, 2010 at 2:52 pm

Jake - No news from the doctor's office. Am waiting for lab results...

November 24, 2010 at 7:19 am

Jake - Never did hear from doctor's office about lab results....

November 24, 2010 at 7:22 am

Jake - No news, no explanation for **two weeks of being sick**, is NOT good news.... Jake - No news, no explanation for two weeks of being sick, is NOT good news....

November 25, 2010 at 10:07 am

Jake - I called doctor's office to inquire about lab results and guess what..... THEY ARE COLSED UNTIL MONDAY!!! Gee thanks doc for letting me go all weekend with nothing! I think the next time I vomit, I will do so in a payment envelope for his office!

November 24, 2010 at 7:14 pm

Jake - is SO HUNGRY! But eating = pain... Nice sickness to have on Thanksgiving huh?

December 2010

December 10, 2010 at 4:09 pm

Jake - Hard rock song that I found because I'm so sick.... This was in a movie playing in the background somewhere, but I can't remember which movie....

December 29, 2010 at 10:56 pm

Jake - OK, I just slept for 12 hours, and am feeling better. I will watch all 4 Die Hard movies today. That should help me recover fully. Thanks to all for being there to support me thru this. I don't think I would have made it without you!

February 2011

Comment: Sam is ill again. I did not inquire what symptoms or diagnosis of his illness that is mentioned below or the reason for prescription.

February 1, 2011 at 6:06 am

Jake - Quick wal mart run for Sam's meds. Got to chat with a friend in line while we waited! Then got Sam a milk shake. Now he's a happy, sick kid.

Comment: In regards to some of the posts over the following 7-8 weeks relating to Jake's mention of "drum line". Jake is helping with Sam's drumline group within the school band. He posts of

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attending practices with the band members and attending/serving as chaperone many of these mentioned performance events.

February 8, 2011 at 10:15 pm

1 person likes this

Jake - At "Our County" High School for Winter Drumline practice. Go Sam!

February 12, 2011 at 6:14 pm

13 people like this

Suann -Kid at heart can be fun.

February 12, 2011 at 6:52 pm

Jake - Buses re-loaded and we're headed for Indy! The show is awesome, and the kids are awesome!

Go "Our County High School" Winter Percussion!

February 13, 2011 at 1:00 pm

Jake - Tied for 2nd place! Way to go "Our County High School"!!!!

February 24, 2011 at 5:39 am

Jake - At "Our County" High School for winter percussion practice. This show could win state!

What an awesome show!

February 26, 2011 at 8:17 am

1 person likes this

Jake - Going to bed. Busy day tomorrow. Drumline competition in Indy.

February 27, 2011 at 12:03 pm

Jake - Jake checked in at "Our County" Central High School.

March 2011

March 1, 2011 at 6:18 pm

Jake - Band concert at the high school tonight! Go Sam!

March 9, 2011 at 9:14 am

1 person likes this

Jake - ENERGY BALL!!! I'm amazed at how much better the Winter Percussion has gotten in just a few practices. Keep up the GREAT work everyone!

March 12, 2011 at 12:57 pm

Jake - Busy day ahead! "OUR COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL" WINTER PERCUSSION contest at Avon High School today. Let's go drumline!

March 18, 2011 at 2:13 pm

6 people like this

Jake - "Our County" High School, tonight, 7:00, Drumline Show, be there!

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March 19, 2011 at 8:17 pm

2 people like this

Jake - Jake checked in at "other county" High School Football Alumni Page

March 20, 2011 at 12:51 pm

1 person likes this

Jake - Praying for a safe trip for those leaving for the band trip to New York today. Have fun and be safe!

Comment: The school band has arranged a site seeing trip to New York City. This event is open to any band member but not required. No performances are involved with this trip. The band leaves the high school on 3/20/2011 around 8:00PM and returns to the school on 3/25/2011 around 7:00am. Sam attends this trip with fellow band members. Jake does not. A notable event occurs during this trip as Sam "Bumps" his head and briefly passes out while on the bus. Sam's girlfriend, also on this trip verifies the head bump/pass out event months later. The band trip itinerary (in purple font) is intermixed with continued posts concerning more infection illness that Jake is experiencing while remaining at home.

3/21/11-American Museum of Natural History, Empire State Building, Dinner at a Times Square Seafood restaurant

March 21, 2011 at 4:48 am

Jake - Still can't clear the stuff out of my ear. Afraid it's going to turn into another ear infection, and I can't get rid of them without serious antibiotics. Not good. :(

3/22/11-Introductory Tour of Manhattan (world trade center site), dinner at another seafood restaurant, Broadway show at Gershwin Theatre

March 22, 2011 at 8:31 pm

Jake - Love that feeling right after venting to a friend. Feels so much better. Now if I could just get rid of my ear infections, I would be feeling perfect.

3/23/11-Metropolitan Museum of Art, NBC Studios, Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum, Planet Hollywood, Broadway show Minskoff Theatre

March 23, 2011 at 2:00 pm

Jake - Ears worse, may break down and call doc tomorrow. Do you think Pharmacare will take a post-dated check?

3/24/11-Liberty State Park, NJ ferry, Ferry to Ellis Island and then to Statue of Liberty, ferry to Battery Park, Shopping on 5th avenue - (various stores see attached), Ripley's Believe it or Not Times Square, dinner at Times Square or Rockefeller Center(choice), Depart New York

3/25/11-Arrive back at school in Indiana around 7:00am.

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Comment on the aforementioned band trip: Weeks prior to his Sudden Onset Neurological Disorder on September 7, 2011, my nephew had told me about hitting his head on the window or interior of the bus during some horseplay with another friend while on this trip. He did pass out briefly but appeared fine following the bump.-This "bump on the head" may actually be the feature of this trip that is an important clue to his illness.-Later on we contacted another band member and verified this event occurred. As stated, my nephew cannot (now) remember any of this trip.

Also, there was NO stop at Niagara Falls with this trip. Therefore, these students were NOT in the locality of LeRoy. They would have travelled in the mid to northern part of Pennsylvania along I-80 to and from New York City.

April-May 2011

April 1, 2011 at 11:51 am

Jake - Sam and the gang.

May 4, 2011 at 9:24 pm

Jake - I'm preparing to eat a salad, so vegetarians should look away...

May 17, 2011 at 8:08 pm

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Jake - High school band concert tonight.

May 18, 2011 at 1:28 pm

Jake - Over did it at work today, back is really bad tonight. :(

May 23, 2011 at 6:35 pm

Jake - Dime sized hail just hit 19th street.

May 25, 2011 at 10:02 am

2 people like this

Jake - Northeast Indiana under a tornado watch until 7:00pm.

Comment: Jake becomes ill once again will ear, nose, throat infection with fever and other flu-like symptoms for a period of over two weeks.

May 26, 2011 at 7:54 am

Jake - I've got the starts of a nasty cold... Sinuses not happy right now.

May 26, 2011 at 7:20 pm

Jake - I'm hot blooded. Check it and see....

May 27, 2011 at 9:16 am

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Jake - I can't believe that me of all people hasn't put this together until now... When you get sick, or a cold, your nose runs, and your eyes get dry. It's kinda like a moisture relocation issue, isn't it?

May 27, 2011 at 9:42 am

Jake - Oh good.... My vomiting skills were getting a little rusty.

May 27, 2011 at 9:03 pm

Jake - When drifting in and out of sleep during a fevered stupor, it's best not to do so while watching the original Twilight Zone series.

May 28, 2011 at 8:33 pm

Jake - Can't find a chicken soup delivery. Is pizza with chicken on it good for a fever too?

May 31, 2011 at 9:36 am

Jake - Doctor appointment after work. Still got gunk in my sinuses, and history shows it's not gonna go away without assistance from medically trained personnel. Why can't I ever get just a LITTLE sick!?!?

May 31, 2011 at 9:55 am

Jake - Will attempt work in the morning. Still got gunk in my ears, but fever is gone. Spent the whole weekend in bed or on the couch. :(

June 2011

June 1, 2011 at 5:39 pm

Jake - I guess in the future I must RUN to the doctor's office at the first snuffle. **Both eardrums are "Fire-engine red" and ears are fully infected.** This is a surprise to me because they don't feel that bad to me yet.... Pills, pills, and more pills.....

June 8, 2011 at 6:05 pm

Jake - While sick, it's important to stay hydrated. The drawback is **the frequent un-hydrating** that interrupts much needed rest.

June 18, 2011 at 9:33 pm

Jake - Jake checked in at "Our Favorite Campground".

July 2011

July 5, 2011 at 12:22 pm

Jake - Had a most excellent weekend at the campground! Thx to all who made it possible.

July 7, 2011 at 9:21 pm

Jake - Sometimes teenaged boys can be entertained by something besides the TV.

July 13, 2011 at 8:58 pm

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Jake - Did some serious floating with the kids today! Didn't use quite enough sun screen. Ouch!!!!
Love vacation at the campground.

July 24, 2011 at 4:07 pm

Jake - Had a great week of vacation at "Our Favorite Campground"! Really nice to spend time with awesome friends. Now will take today to try to recover.

July 18, 2011 at 7:23 pm

Jake - Yes Kate, I messed up the line.(good catch) My bad. But on a day as hot as this, I thought everyone could use a little Christmas in July.

July 19, 2011 at 4:41 am

1 person likes this

Brock -Heat advisory today 105 degrees!

July 19, 2011 at 6:13 pm

Jake - It's 75 degrees at 5:40 am.... This should be fun...

July 23, 2011 at 7:08 pm

Jake - Sadly, my ambition passed away from heat stroke today. A memorial service is being held currently at Cricket's in "Our Town". Financial contributions can be made to my tab. All are welcome.

August 2011

August 1, 2011 at 8:44 am

Jake - Another awesome weekend with awesome friends! Love "Our Favorite Campground"! I even won a horseshoe tournament Friday night. Thanks to EVERYONE who made it possible

August 7, 2011 at 4:21 pm

Jake - Taking Sam and "Sam's Younger Sister" to Applebee's later. I wonder if we can get thrown out?

August 8, 2011 at 5:31 am

8 people like this

Jake - Sam takes coloring very seriously. (Sam is coloring while wearing a bike helmet in a photo supplied along with this post)

August 13, 2011 at 2:05 pm

Jake - Had supper with "Sam's Older Sister", "Sam's Younger Sister" and Sam. "Sam's Older Sister" leaves for school tomorrow. :(Keep up the good grades "Sam's Older Sister"! We love you!

August 13, 2011 at 7:36 pm

Jake - At The House with Sam and "Sam's Younger Sister" for a scrumptious ice cream treat!

August 15, 2011 at 6:44 am

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Jake - Had a great weekend with the kids!

August 17, 2011 at 7:22 pm

Jake - A breakfast fit for a first day of school.

August 24, 2011 at 8:10 am

Jake - Happy Birthday to my daughter "Sam's Younger Sister"! Love you!!!

August 26, 2011 at 4:52 am

4 people like this

Jake - Surrounded by amazing lightening. I love thunderstorms!

August 29, 2011 at 1:45 pm

Jake - **Came home from camping** to find out my clothes dryer at the house has stopped working. Anyone know of a gas dryer for sale, please let me know. I have a lot of towels from the campground to wash and dry.

September 2011

September 2, 2011 at 5:50 pm

Jake - Horseshoes in the back yard. Trying to warm up for the campground, and maybe win a tournament instead of being on the 2nd place team every time.

September 2, 2011 at 10:09 am

Jake - 5th wheel is hooked-up and loaded, as soon as "Sam's Younger Sister" is out of school we're ready to go camping! Ahh yes... My favorite part of "Local Labor Day weekend festivities", the sight of it fading away in my mirrors.....

September 2, 2011 at 11:16 am

4 people like this

Jake - EVERYBODY smiles when they're camping at "Our Favorite Campground"!

September 2, 2011 at 9:55 pm

Jake - When it's 90 plus degrees outside, air conditioning would be nice.....

September 1-5, 2011 Time frame

Comment: Unknown to family at this time, Sam is having problems with memory issues. Also unknown to family, Sam is alluding to this fact to his friends on Face Book. (Within a week following the documented onset below, an individual was asking Sam's condition and they stated that around this date, Sam had started posting to Face Book that he wasn't able to remember things anymore.) Made comments like must be getting old or something. This had been verified by a Face book friend of Sam's later on after his onset of Sept 7th, 2011

In addition, unknown to anyone at the time Sam has begun keeping a notebook to aid him in remembering the names of family members and other critical information to function in his home and school environment. For example in the notebook.....Mom=Sam's Mom-, Dad=Jake, etc.

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September 3, 2011 at 10:16 pm

Jake - NOT a stellar weekend so far.... I bought a new camper so I didn't have to deal with problems.....

September 5, 2011 at 5:52 pm

Jake - Eggs, check. Bacon, check. Hash Browns, check. Breakfast complete.

September 7, 2011 at 10:44 am

Jake - is back home after a frustrating weekend. Still nice to spend time with my family of friends at camp!

September 7, 2011 at around 5-6PM – SUDDEN ONSET OF SEIZURES AND NEUROLOGICAL SYMPTOMS.

Sam is at his mom's this evening. Sam's mom texts Jake and tells him Sam is not feeling well, is having bad headaches and complaining of excruciating pain in his neck. Mom (a nurse) is concerned about the way Sam is acting and it looks serious to her. She will provide an update. Within minutes, she contacts Jake and asks him to come over right away as Sam is convulsing. Jake arrives to find Mom tending to Sam on the floor shaking violently. Sam states he can't stop it. They carry him from the house and put him in the car. He is taken to the "Our County" Hospital ER.

September 7, 2011 at around 7PM

Sam is admitted to "Our County" Hospital

September 8, 2011 at 11:15 am

Jake - At ER with Sam . Headache bad enough that he was convulsing. CT scan done, waiting on results and to speak to a Doctor.

September 8, 2011 at 11:29 am

Jake - Yea, Sam has only been here for 17 hours, I'm sure the doc is just busy.....

September 8, 2011 at 1:02 pm

Jake - He's waiting for the doctor better than we are. Thanks to EVERYONE for thoughts and prayers.

September 8, 2011 at 5:05 pm

Jake - They're keeping Sam in the ICU tonight. EEG in the morning. Visiting hours over at 8:30. Please try to keep visits brief, and no more than 2 at a time. (Sorry Drumline, you can't all show up at once.)

September 8, 2011 at 5:48 pm

Jake - Sam moved to ICU. Still waiting on a doctor, and waiting for tests to be run. He's awake and talking, and watching tv.

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September 8, 2011 at 7:19 pm

Jake - We're in the ICU... is there a MICU?... one for MORE intensive care? Still waiting on doctor.....

September 8, 2011 at 8:53 pm

Michele -I'm sitting with Sam now and I'm happy to say that he's still and resting. Hurray for drug cocktails!

September 8, 2011 at 9:05 pm

Mother of Case#3-Just read this Jake. So sorry for you, thoughts and prayers for all of you. He is in the same grade as my daughter, Alyssa, she is hoping he is better very, very soon!! She just had an overnight stay at "Big City Hospital" Friday night because of migraines.....

September 8, 2011 at 9:27 pm

Carolyn -Hey Jake hope all goes well. You guys are camp Family. You will always be in our thoughts and prayers. But I will put in a special one tonight for you all

September 9, 2011 at 6:09 am

Jake - Please keep praying, but as Sam drifted off to sleep tonight, his twitching was almost completely gone! **Still anxious about EEG testing in the morning.** Thank you all for your thoughtful concerns! They mean more than you know.

September 9, 2011 at 10:53 am

Jake - Attention "Our County" High School Students: Sam does NOT have a tumor. Spreading unfounded rumors can cause people unneeded grief. Please stop. Feel free to contact me with any questions. I will gladly fill you in on what it TRULY going on.

September 9, 2011 at 10:56 am

Jake - **They just took Sam down for the EEG test.** His twitching started again this morning. He did get some good rest overnight. Keeping fingers crossed... We all could use an explanation for what's going on here.... Thanks to all for your continued support, and Happy Birthday to Sam's favorite girl, Mandi! He smiled this morning when he saw your picture.

September 9, 2011 at 12:12 pm

Jake - Throughout my various surgeries and hospital stays I've been under the care of countless nurses. I have to say that the nursing staff up here in the ICU at "Our County Hospital" are the greatest. They are very informative, thoughtful, and caring. I can't thank them enough for the care they are giving Sam. **Still waiting on test results,** I will keep everyone informed.

September 9, 2011 at 9:47 pm

Mother of Case#3-Thanks for the update! Hope he can get his MRI! Thinking and prayin' for ya!!

September 9, 2011 at 10:23 pm

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Jake - Update on Sam. **We waited 12 hours to hear that the EEG is normal.** Doctor tried walking Sam again. **Tremors still too bad for Sam to go home.** If the MRI machine is fixed by morning,

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Sam has one scheduled. He got another round of drugs, and a stronger antibiotic for a sinus infection. Patience running low, frustrations high. We and Sam really need some answers. Thx to all for your support.

September 9, 2011 at 11:41 pm

Jake - Thanks to the visitors who came to see Sam tonight. It's great to see his mood jump that high!

September 10, 2011 at 10:24 am

Jake - THIS HOSPITAL HAS UNTIL NOON TO GET A DOCTOR HERE OR WE ARE GOIN TO "BIG CITY". WE'VE HAD IT!

September 10, 2011 at 12:08 pm

1 person likes this

Jake - Area rallies around local youth

September 10, 2011 at 1:47 pm

Mother of Case#3-We were there, room 312, just a week ago yesterday/today. Lyss said to tell Sam to ask for nurse Jen, she is very nice! All the nurses there are very nice actually.....good luck, still in our prayers

September 10, 2011 at 3:29 pm

Jake - Transferring to "A Bigger Hospital" in "Big City". Not sure which one yet. It's not the quality of care at "Our County Hospital", just don't tell me that my son needs an MRI and yours is broken and no one knows when it will be fixed. I'll post the when and where as I know.

September 10, 2011 at 6:47 pm

Jake - "Big City Hospital" main. Pediatric ward. Room 311 bed 1. Sam isn't happy about the decor in the hallways that is "for kids". They came to take him for his MRI even before the room nurses were done "checking him in". So nice to see quick action. We wont have quite the "visitor freedoms" that we had at "Our County Hospital", but if you can, please stop by.

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September 10, 2011 at 9:51 pm

Tina -They have done more in 12 hours, than "Our County Hospital" did in 3 days!

September 10, 2011 at 9:52 pm

Jake - **Spinal tap went off without a hitch.** "Needle? What needle?" Sam says. He didn't even flinch. The doctor and nurses were awesome thru the tap. They had me hold the fluid vials as I was helping Sam stay still. **EEG #2 in the morning.** Sam is doing great. Staying in the room with him tonight. Moods are lifted some because of how quickly we are getting results.

September 10, 2011 at 10:06 pm

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Jake - Change your profile pic so Sam can see! Thanks to the artist Angie.

September 10, 2011 at 11:31 pm

Jake - I wish I could find the words for how much this means to Sam and his entire family. Thank you all so much. It honestly brings tears.

September 11, 2011 at 1:08 am

Jake - We love you Sam. You keep fighting to get better, and we'll keep fighting doctors until they figure it out.

September 11, 2011 at 1:22 am

Anastasia -I never can sleep in hospitals-patient or visitor. I think sometimes the staff forget it's night because they're working and can be loud. Well, that and I rarely sleep anyway. Hence my commenting right now.

September 11, 2011 at 1:35 am

Jake - The nurses here so far have been great. She just came in and took his vitals and was very careful not to wake him. (being in the pediatric wing I bet they got this skill from trying not to wake the wee little ones.)

September 11, 2011 at 5:24 am

Mother of Case#3-I was there helping with Lyssa's tap too....very family friendly environment there!! Glad moods are being lifted, that helps a lot!!

September 11, 2011 at 5:58 am

Jake - Sam is bummed because friends were all set to video stream the marching band competition tonight, but right at that time, **the doctors came in to do an assessment**. Thanks to the guys who made the effort for Sam to see. Sorry it didn't work out. :(

September 11, 2011 at 7:53 am

Jake - While I'm way more relaxed being here with **Sam, still can't sleep. He is sleeping very well tonight on fewer medications**. This is a great sign. Hoping for a positive day tomorrow.

September 11, 2011 at 9:06 am

Jake - Sam update: **MRI tests return as normal**, next step is a spinal tap which has already been scheduled. He is **getting morphine for his headache**. The water tower profile picture thing is spreading wide and the smiles of those it touches are just as wide. Thank you all!

September 11, 2011 at 10:06 am

Jake - We've reached a turning point, but turning the wrong way. **The doc is approaching this as complex migraines**, and part of treatment is that Sam can't use laptop or iPhone for a while. He is so angry about this that his attitude has fallen completely to the basement. They are connecting wires for EEG now.

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September 11, 2011 at 10:48 am

Mother of Case#3-oh no...not migraines....if it is, once this is over and he's outta there, go to the chiropractor to get thoroughly checked out. After everything we've been thru with Lyss, after the follow up visit with the neuro, and him basically just throwing his arms up in the air, not knowing what else to do, we went back to the chiropractor. He found that at the base of her skull, it is really hard. We are now in the process of softening it up (massages and heat). The headaches have lessened...just something to consider....

September 11, 2011 at 11:17 am

5 people like this

Jake - They're **kinda spiking his milk shakes**. Blood work shows that he's not malnourished.

September 11, 2011 at 11:32 am

1 person likes this

Mother of Case#3-glad it came back clear!! Hang in there, they'll find the problem!! Still in our thoughts and prayers!!!

September 11, 2011 at 11:47 am

Jake - The **MRI of head and spine were clear**. Thx to all the Carol family for the assistance.

September 11, 2011 at 11:59 am

Carol -Wow Jake, I was sure the MRI would show something. How is everyone holding up today?

September 11, 2011 at 12:05 pm

Jake - It's hard on everyone to **see his attitude fall like it has**. Sam's Mom- **was there for the EEG** and she says **she could see the brain activity with each tic**. We don't know, but like to assume that that's a good thing.

September 11, 2011 at 12:47 pm

Jake - We've got the ok to bring in ANYTHING that we think he may eat. **He has lost almost 10 pounds since this started** and is still only barely tasting his food.

September 11, 2011 at 1:27 pm

Jake - This is Sam's all time favorite meal! He would have ordered this at any restaurant, and it just so happens that it's what's for lunch today!

September 11, 2011 at 2:54 pm

Jake - **Doctor is changing up some of Sam's meds** to try to **ease his headache** more. He had a great night of sleep and has had several naps today. It's so nice to see his body be still.

September 11, 2011 at 3:12 pm

Jake - **Spinal tap was clear**. Doc in the process of switching to oral meds for pain. **Waiting on this morning's EEG results**. While the Doc comes across as a know-it-all, arrogant, person he is working hard to figure it all out.

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September 11, 2011 at 3:57 pm

Jake - Thx to the two visitors from the Drumline who stopped in to see Sam today. Your stories about the weekend actually had him laughing, and that's something we haven't seen in a while.

September 11, 2011 at 5:03 pm

Jake - Sam is starting to look a little worried about all of this, and loves everyone's support. He really likes the "save Sam" water tower picture so if you can, change your profile pic to it and send him a quick message. Your support is helping us ALL more than you can possibly imagine. Thank you.

September 11, 2011 at 5:18 pm

Jake - If you want to get a message to Sam, you'll have to do it thru his Mom or I. thank you to everyone. Please pray for Sam's attitude to improve. We all really need him to stay positive, and he's drifting away from that....

September 11, 2011 at 7:40 pm

Jake - **This morning's EEG was normal. Still searching for more clues.....**

September 11, 2011 at 8:00 pm

1 person likes this

Jake - **Sam update: it's been a rough day**, but it ended with a smile as Sam drifted off to sleep with Mandi in his arms. His attitude increased some through the day with each visitor. **We still have no definitive answers yet**, but Doc is working on it. **More tests tomorrow.**

September 12, 2011 at 10:02 am

Jake - "Big City Hospital" downtown. Room 311 bed 1. "Big City Hospital" has the doctor we need to see, so "The Other Big City Hospital" is out. Not there yet, still working on transfer papers.

September 12, 2011 at 11:06 am

Jake - Sam's Mom- - they're still not sure what's going on. Tests tests and more tests....

September 12, 2011 at 5:21 pm

Jake - Sam's Doctor. He's quite a character and is right on top of things. Dr. "Nick".

September 12, 2011 at 9:20 pm

Jake - Latest on **Sam: still getting "normal" test results on everything**. He saw a couple of specialists today, and **a second neurologist tomorrow**. I am forced to be at work tomorrow to make sure I have the right papers signed to keep my job as I am out of paid vacation days. It was VERY hard for me to leave. Please keep praying with us. We are wearing a bit thin. Sam's Aunt has been awesome for him and us. Thanks "Mo"!

September 12, 2011 at 9:46 pm

Angie -I seriously can't say enough about the care there. Unfortunately the accommodations aren't as good as they are in "Big City" - it was the first time we had to share a room. But we were able to get the answers we needed which is all we could ask for. We were only there a few days and they had a complete game plan for us. I know it's a helpless feeling. I have SO been there. Hope you get some answers soon! XOx!!!

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September 13, 2011 at 7:16 am

Teresa -Gosh, **I would think they would find something that is causing this.**

September 13, 2011 at 7:40 am

Nicole - I know this is hard but please trust this man, I have worked with him for years and he is amazing. I know Sam is in good hands. "Big City Hospital" has been my second home for decades. This is more than just a hospital its a very tight family with one goal in mind, treating every patient to the best of our abilities no matter what the cost. I'll keep him in my prayers. He's in good hands Jake -

September 13, 2011 at 7:45 am

Jake - They're trying.

September 13, 2011 at 8:45 am

1 person likes this

Jake - I've got stuff straight at work and am on my way back to Sam. His Mom says that he's still sleeping this morning. I'm hearing more positive comments about this doctor. Glad we came to "Big City Hospital"!

September 13, 2011 at 9:18 am

Jake - Sam's **doctor came in this morning with his entourage of 3 or 4 other people.** Looking into some different meds, and some different tests. We are gonna try to get him walking the halls some today. **He doesn't make any effort to use his left arm or leg and his mom and I want to see him try. His mood is so-so today.** He slept good last night after watching a movie. We hear rumors of cookies coming, and we ALL look forward to Carol snacks!

September 13, 2011 at 9:59 am

Sarah -They have **any idea what is causing the tremors yet?**

September 13, 2011 at 10:00 am

Jake - **No causes yet, still searching.** Trying to get them stopped with meds.

September 13, 2011 at 10:20 am

Jake - Thx Tiff, it's been a good day so far.

September 13, 2011 at 1:16 pm

Jake - Doc was just in... They are **switching some of the pain meds, changing iv meds to oral ones. Hope to get his iv pulled out soon.** Physical therapy is coming to start getting him up and about. Doc wants him out of bed and sitting in chair every 2 to 3 hours. **Tremors still there, hoping new meds will get rid of them.**

September 13, 2011 at 2:12 pm

Jake - **He's in the best mood that he's been in since it all started.** I hope this is the turning point that we've been waiting for.

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September 13, 2011 at 2:25 pm

Jake - Our wonderful (and quite cute) nurse Tara, has moved us into a private room to insure Sam has no loud roommate. It's 308 just across the hall from the old one.

September 13, 2011 at 2:32 pm

2 people like this

Jake - Thank you Tarah, for being thoughtful enough to keep Sam in a quiet room!

September 13, 2011 at 3:10 pm

Jake - **He's outside, he's got wheels under his butt**, and he's smiling! Back inside now to wait for physical therapy....

September 13, 2011 at 4:02 pm

1 person likes this

Jake - Yes indeed, Carol!! Check my posts... It's been a better day today!

September 13, 2011 at 4:33 pm

Jake - Occasionally, Sam gets some REAL GOOOOOOD pain medicine.

September 13, 2011 at 4:34 pm

Jake - Carol's cookies are so good, we've been hiding them in a drawer to protect them from other visitors. Sam's been picky about eating, but he had one. Thanks!

September 13, 2011 at 4:48 pm

Jake - "WHO'S IN BED WITH SAM?"... J.T. -!

September 13, 2011 at 4:50 pm

1 person likes this

Jake - "WHO'S IN BED WITH SAM?"... Austin!

September 13, 2011 at 4:55 pm

6 people like this

Jake - "WHO'S IN BED WITH SAM?"... Anderson Cooper from CNN!

September 13, 2011 at 5:39 pm

Jake - "WHO'S IN BED WITH SAM?"... I am !!!!

September 13, 2011 at 6:21 pm

5 people like this

Jake - Sam got a get-well card from a "few" of his friends.

September 13, 2011 at 7:01 pm

Carol - Hey, please tell me these pictures of Sam are from today....I'd love to know that he was outside!!

September 13, 2011 at 7:04 pm

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Jake - New photo series titled "Who's In Bed With Sam?" I will continue adding pictures as the celebrities roll thru!

September 13, 2011 at 7:56 pm

Jake - Sam's new dietician knows how to get him to eat some grapes.

September 13, 2011 at 8:06 pm

Jake - "WHO'S IN BED WITH SAM?"... World renowned drum instructor Mike. He stopped by with his own signature sticks and mallets for Sam!

September 13, 2011 at 9:49 pm

Jake - Sam's nurse today is Tarah. She is so thoughtful and cheery. It helps Sam's attitude stay positive. But only Mandi makes him happy.

September 13, 2011 at 10:23 pm

Jake - WHO'S IN BED WITH SAM?".... Colin.

September 14, 2011 at 1:44 am

Jake - "If there's anything I can do, just ask." or "If you need anything, call me."... I've said these phrases to people many times in my life, and until people were saying them to me, I had no idea how much meaning they really have. Everyone has been so nice thru this time with posts, calls, messages, profile pics, cookies, food, etc... Thank you

September 14, 2011 at 9:32 am

Jake - Just a quick update for you "Sam's Older Brother": Sam **had his best day since Wednesday today. His attitude was back up.** He was smiling and laughing thru his headache, **we got to give him a wheelchair ride** that even included going outside to enjoy the sunshine! We still don't have answers yet, but the doctor is trying everything. Sam's **twitching is still bad**, but they are **trying different meds to calm them down. His headache still hasn't broke yet.** Please keep your friends praying, we still need them!

September 14, 2011 at 9:59 am

Jake - I just wish that Sam would eat any of it.

September 14, 2011 at 10:01 am

Jake - **Trying new medicine called DHEA.** It's very strong and **designed specifically for migraines.** Doc says it will either knock it out completely, or it won't touch it at all. **Trying to kill pain first, then worry about stopping tremors.**

September 14, 2011 at 3:21 pm

Jake - "WHO'S IN BED WITH SAM?" MANDI !!!!!

September 14, 2011 at 3:24 pm

Michele -I should add that **Physical Therapy came by today and got him to walk (with a walker) almost to the end of the hall** which is the most activity he's had in a week. His newest medication has put him in a restful sleep.

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September 14, 2011 at 6:24 pm

Jake - They weighed him. He's not losing anymore since getting the iv. He just looks like he is to us.

September 14, 2011 at 6:45 pm

Jake - We have a snack drawer in Sam's room that would put a small convenience store to shame

September 14, 2011 at 6:47 pm

Jake - We are happy so far with the doctor's plan of attack. **If we start feeling like wheels are spinning, we will ask to be transferred.** We've got high hopes for this latest med to knock it down. Thank you all for not slowing down on prayers and concerns. I know it can be easy to forget another persons troubles when you're not right next to them. It still is helping everyone here.

September 14, 2011 at 6:47 pm

Becky -Also, I'm with Roger. How many docs have seen the results? See if you can get them to do a consult review with a major med center like Vanderbilt or Cleveland Clinic. Sometimes they will do that if you ask.

September 14, 2011 at 7:01 pm

Jake - Sam got a new shirt from his Aunt Mo. I like it. Thx Mo!

September 14, 2011 at 8:14 pm

Brian - Our internet has been down for a week and wasn't aware of Sam's troubles!!! Will start praying for healing for Sam, strength for you and for insight and knowledge for Sam's Doctor's to figure it out and fix it!!! Hope he's doing better!

September 14, 2011 at 10:43 pm

Jake - **New meds are making Sam very sleepy. Physical therapy just brought a walker and he made it almost to the end of the hall and back.** Still waiting for headache to go away. More blood drawn for tests. He still isn't eating much.

September 14, 2011 at 8:52 pm

Michele - **Sam update: We are still at "Big City Hospital" Hospital. Sam was moved to a private room. Yay! Dr wants to break the headache in hopes that the ticks/tremors stop & memory loss improves.** Yesterday his mood was lifted with a quick trip outside & a good visit with friends/family. Still taking it one day at a time.

September 14, 2011 at 11:23 pm

Jake - "WHO'S IN BED WITH SAM?"... Mrs. Slone!!!!

September 15, 2011 at 11:35 am

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Jake - "WHO'S IN BED WITH SAM?"... His Mommy! Moms can make bo-bos better

September 15, 2011 at 1:32 pm

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Jake - **MJ's chicken pox still haven't cleared up yet.**

September 15, 2011 at 1:59 pm

Jake - "WHO'S IN BED WITH SAM?"... His favorite nurse, Tarah!

September 15, 2011 at 4:22 pm

Angella -Good news Jake! Have they figured out what is causing this yet?

September 15, 2011 at 4:27 pm

Jake - No answers yet, just thankful for the **slight decrease in symptoms. His headache is still there.** Hoping stronger meds will kill it

September 15, 2011 at 4:32 pm

Jake - Latest on Sam.... They are staying with current medications, just bigger dosages. **WE ARE STARTING TO SEE SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT in his tics.** They **have decreased in frequency and severity a bit today.** We hope by increasing dosage, they might disappear! He **got a longer wheelchair ride in the sun** and was happy to feel it's warmth. It's been a good day, and we pray that it continues!

September 15, 2011 at 5:41 pm

Becky -Glad for the better day today. What else are they doing to try to find the cause of this?

September 16, 2011 at 5:42 am

Jake - "WHO'S IN BED WITH SAM?".... Sammy the Helicopter, Kevin the Llama, MJ the Bear, Moosen the Moose, and Harold the duck

September 15, 2011 at 6:47 pm

Jake - **Still running different blood tests.** It sounds like **they think it all might be related to the big migraine from a week ago.**

September 15, 2011 at 7:57 pm

Jake - **Just heard that there are two other kids in our area with very similar symptoms.** Sam's family doctor **is looking for possible connections**

September 15, 2011 at 6:35 pm

Jake - Thanks for stopping by! It's great to see faces from the campground! While yesterday was a good day for Sam, we still need the prayers. Thank you again.

September 15, 2011 at 6:35 pm

Jake - "Big City Hospital" main. On state street. Room 308

September 15, 2011 at 10:01 pm

Jake - "WHO'S IN BED WITH SAM?"... It's Nick !!! They've opted for the fist-bump pose

September 16, 2011 at 8:17 am

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Jake - "WHO'S IN BED WITH SAM?" It's Bess the therapy dog! Big puppy!

September 16, 2011 at 12:54 pm

Jake - Just reading thru the posts on Sam's Facebook wall from his friends. You all are so great! Some of you show more caring and compassion than I would have expected from high school aged kids. If you have a few minutes, read thru some of the posts. They are truly heart-warming. Thank you all for the support and prayers. They really do help everyone involved deal with it all.

September 16, 2011 at 3:19 pm

Jake - "WHO'S IN BED WITH SAM?"... It's Nate

September 16, 2011 at 7:13 pm

Jake - No definite answers yet, more tests, trying different drugs and increasing dosage of some of the drugs that he's on. **Each test is an answer as to what it's NOT.** So we've got many things eliminated.!!!!!!

September 16, 2011 at 8:12 pm

Jake - Another busy day for Sam. **New drugs have had him sleeping HARD this afternoon and evening.** He had physical therapy again, **and another wheelchair ride outside.** He did wake up to see a few wonderful visitors, but he is due for another round of meds that should keep him out all night

September 17, 2011 at 3:34 pm

Jake - Whoever it was that was praying for Sam about an hour ago, **DO IT AGAIN!!** After eating some breakfast, he sat in bed, awake, **and his tics were gone for over a full minute!!! They're back now, but that 60 seconds was a miracle to see!** He's **asking for another wheelchair ride**, and is getting out of bed to use the bathroom. Still no definitive answers as to the cause of this all, but small moments like this make the waiting easier!

September 17, 2011 at 3:42 pm

Jake - **We're not sure that we are transferring yet**, no idea of when. The other bad thing for Sam is the distance from his friends, who have visited often.

September 17, 2011 at 4:02 pm

Jake - "We need ice cream, STAT!" - Sam 9/17/2011

September 17, 2011 at 7:03 pm

Jake - Sounds like the doc is making one final attempt at Sam. **The Neuro was just in and changed a couple of dosages.** We **might be close to moving on to Reily hospital**, which is good news for Sam, but bad news for me because I'll need to get back to work. I will update everyone as news comes in.

September 17, 2011 at 7:18 pm

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Jake - "WHO'S IN BED WITH SAM?"... it's his favorite younger sister "Sam's Younger Sister"!

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September 17, 2011 at 8:04 pm

Jake - "WHO'S IN BED WITH SAM?"... It's the one and only, "Sam" s Older Brother" !!!!

September 17, 2011 at 8:38 pm

Jake - A big THANK YOU to one of my bosses, who stopped at the hospital to pick up some paperwork that the factory needed. She even brought a card and gift for Sam. Way cool that she could save me the trip back to "Our Town". Thank you Dorothy!

September 18, 2011 at 7:27 am

Jake - "WHO'S IN BED WITH SAM?"... It's Tawney and Ashton. Woo Hoo!

September 18, 2011 at 10:52 am

Jake - Laughing with Sam tonight. We are all so tired that EVERYTHING is funny. **His tic in the arm and leg has slowed greatly, however his face is much worse.** Hoping for a better day tomorrow.

September 18, 2011 at 3:51 pm

Jake - "WHO'S IN BED WITH SAM?".. Campground friends!!!

September 18, 2011 at 6:41 pm

Jake - Latest on Sam: his **leg and arm are even better than yesterday**, but **his cheek is still going at it**. I just wish I could trade places with him so he could get back to his friends. I HAVE to get back to work tomorrow, so I'll update as I hear anything. I just want him better.

September 18, 2011 at 7:40 pm

Jake - "WHO'S IN BED WITH SAM?"... it's John Foster!! They like the Mexican tv channel!

September 19, 2011 at 10:15 am

Jake - While texting with Sam last night, I was telling him about how much it bothers me that I have to be back at work and away from him. He sent the following reply... "It's ok, they'll figure it out sooner or later and we won't have to worry, but thanks". For such a small kid, he's got one huge heart.

September 19, 2011 at 11:43 am

Jake - I do too. It's going to be hard on EVERYONE if he's that far away from his friends and family. His Mom and Aunt are so lucky to be able to be there with him. I'm glad for him in that sense

September 19, 2011 at 11:47 am

Jake - Your family loves you Sam. Don't give up, because we won't.

September 19, 2011 at 12:01 pm

Jake - **Two new drugs for Sam.** If they don't work we will request transfer to somewhere else. Most likely Indy

September 19, 2011 at 12:40 pm

Elizabeth -Fingers are crossed!! Hang in there guys someone will figure it out!

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September 19, 2011 at 4:45 pm

Jake - Sam's doctor said this morning that he was going to talk with the other doctors that have seen him over the weekend, and compare notes etc... **Discussing physical rehab to start trying to regain strength and stability in his arm and leg. We still have no explanation for this at this point**, but haven't quite given up on the current doctor. I'll update as I find new information. I did get to video chat with him for a few minutes this morning

September 19, 2011 at 6:37 pm

Jake - "WHO'S IN BED WITH SAM?"... It's Apollo, Sam's favorite squirrel.

September 19, 2011 at 6:38 pm

Jake - "WHO'S IN BED WITH SAM?"... It's Taylor and Nick!!!!

September 19, 2011 at 8:09 pm

Jake - "WHO'S IN BED WITH SAM?"... Aunt Mo!

September 19, 2011 at 8:27 pm

Jake - He's doing much better too! He's acting more like the Sam we've missed for all this time. I think we're close to the end here.

September 19, 2011 at 8:36 pm

Jake - **Leads me to think it's viral or environmental.**

September 19, 2011 at 8:37 pm

Tina -Don **wondered if they ate canteloupe.. ? they have had that in the news lately.**

September 19, 2011 at 8:39 pm

Jake - His **mom did ask him** that one night. I think he said no. **But kids with memory issues might not remember....**

September 19, 2011 at 8:51 pm

Becky -Jake, look at the symptoms for listeriosis if it spreads to the neurologic system. That's what is tied to the cantaloupe and there are confirmed cases in Indiana. The list on mayoclinic.com includes headache, confusion, convulsions, etc. If the doc hasn't looked into that, maybe he should

September 20, 2011 at 4:45 am

Jake - Sam update: In the simple task of doing what the doctors wouldn't, **Sam's Mom contacted the parents of one of the other students at "Our County High School" that we heard had similar symptoms. The symptoms are so much alike that it's way beyond a coincidence, and Sam and this girl even sit next to another in one class! They both have seen the same neurologist.** We are pushing doc to look into this furthe

September 20, 2011 at 6:15 am

Stacey -do it!!! the number for the "Big City" board of health is "_____. They should be able to point you in the right direction

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September 20, 2011 at 6:44 am

Jake - I just found out that Sam's current doctor used to work infectious field. **We are pushing him to look into it**

September 20, 2011 at 7:20 am

Jake - "WHO'S IN BED WITH SAM?"... It's Sarah and Susan!

September 20, 2011 at 7:23 am

Terri -Dr. "Nick" is a specialist in infectious disease...trust him...he knows what he is doing. Still praying for you guys to get answers

September 20, 2011 at 8:37 am

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Kara-Thank you to al, who I do not remember. All I can do for you is smile because I am so happy to have this sport. :)

September 20, 2011 at 9:05 am

Jake - I'm so **tempted to contact the CDC and see what they say about this. We know of two cases**, anyone who hears of more, please let us know. **It would be great to have the CDC come in and investigate.**

September 20, 2011 at 10:38 am

Stacey -he is gaven's doctor and has been **there thru viral meningitis twice, muscle pain, heart issues, GI issues, and so on**. He is a very good doctor.

September 20, 2011 at 12:16 pm

Jake - It IS good news! **I just really want an answer to what caused this all, so we know what to do if it comes back. Sam has had a headache that he rates as a 6 or 7 for 2 weeks now. We still need to take care of that.**

September 20, 2011 at 12:19 pm

Dave -It really is good news... I'll pass it along... what's the girls condition now??

September 20, 2011 at 12:23 pm

Jake - Not real sure Dave....

September 20, 2011 at 12:45 pm

Jake - Things are looking up **if we can convince the doctors to see that both of these cases are related**. Keep up with the prayers, but now, **pray for both Kara and Sam!** An answer for one may mean an answer for both! **The symptoms are too similar to write this off as a coincidence!**

September 20, 2011 at 1:12 pm

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Jake - Ok, pay attention Sam Fans!!!! He has an appointment in Indy tomorrow afternoon. We are waiting to hear from his doctor now as to if Sam is to be discharged, or transferred. We do not know how long he will still be in "Big City". He might be leaving at any time, so call before coming to visit.

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September 20, 2011 at 4:01 pm

Jake - Sam **just got done with physical therapy today and is walking without the walker**, with minimal assistance! **He still has his headache, and tic in his cheek**, but is slowly coming back to himself again!

September 20, 2011 at 5:07 pm

Jake - I believe the doctor he will see tomorrow, has copies of both patient charts to compare.

September 20, 2011 at 6:14 pm

Brian -Great news, Jake!!! Hope the Docs at Saint Vincent's get it all figured out for Sam!!! Prayers will continue!

September 20, 2011 at 10:56 pm

Jake - Sam update:

Sam is being **discharged from "Big City Hospital" tonight, and will be going home!!!!** He has an appointment at Saint Vincent's in Indy tomorrow. **His headache and tic in his cheek remain**, but he is **walking much better**. I will update from Indy when we have word. The staff here at "Big City Hospital" has been wonderful.

September 21, 2011 at 4:44 am

Jake - "WHO'S IN BED WITH SAM?"... Nobody... Not even him, because he's at his Mom's house tonight!!!!

September 21, 2011 at 6:35 am

Bonnie AllenHope they find the answer in Indy...my prayers are still with you guys

September 21, 2011 at 3:07 pm

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Holly -**Don't give up get more opinions!**

September 21, 2011 at 3:14 pm

Tiffany -I agree 100% with Holly.....**there is an answer out there** and with parents as good as you two....Sam is in great hands!

September 21, 2011 at 3:30 pm

Jake - We won't. And he won't. **Our original family doctor has not seen him thru any of this yet. He also agrees that it cannot be conversion.**

September 21, 2011 at 3:45 pm

Billie -Any news on the other student? For comparison, I mean.

September 21, 2011 at 3:48 pm

Jake - **She has more testing tomorrow. We are still in contact with her parents, and sharing info.**

September 21, 2011 at 3:49 pm

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Lora -Is Sam coming home tonight?

September 21, 2011 at 3:56 pm

Jake - Yes. I do need to post that....

September 21, 2011 at 3:59 pm

Jake - We have a follow up appointment with his doctor from "Big City Hospital", and then we are making appointments with our family doctor.

September 21, 2011 at 4:02 pm

Lana -Greatdo you have any answers yet???

September 21, 2011 at 7:06 pm

Kara- SAVE SAM AND KARA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

September 21, 2011 at 7:31 pm

Kathy -What a bunch of crap! Doctors tried to call my health problems depression.... Turns out it was my HEART!!!! I had to almost die before they figured it out.. Now I am healthy and happy. Don't give up and don't be afraid to press on. You are Sam's advocate. Be strong.

September 21, 2011 at 7:56 pm

Nicole -**anyone who looks at him can tell this is nuero---NOT stress.** don't give up.

September 21, 2011 at 7:51 pm

Jake - **We spoke to several different psychologists at "Big City Hospital" and they all said the same thing... "When doctors have trouble finding the physical cause they will call it 'Diversion Disorder' and give up. DO NOT let the doctors do that in Sam's case, as he has nothing in his life causing stress in that magnitude."** The doctor in Indy is saying just that. **We are going to continue searching for the real cause of this, even though the doctors seem to be giving up. Conversion disorder is when stress in a person's life causes physical symptoms. If you know Sam, you know this just isn't the case....**

September 22, 2011 at 6:24 am

Jake - One of his nurses asked which drum he plays because her son has the same tan lines.

September 22, 2011 at 7:48 am

Dottie -**How did the medical community explain the two students sitting side by side exhibiting the identical symptoms--note passing?!** Hang in there; you're on the right track!

September 22, 2011 at 10:08 am

Jake - "WHO'S IN BED WITH SAM?". Taylor!!! Yay!

September 22, 2011 at 6:30 pm

Jake - We are on our way home with Sam. He will be staying at his Mom's house tonight.

September 23, 2011 at 3:28 pm

Jake - Slow and easy Sam! Rest up good and Skype me! Break times are 9, 11:25, and 1:20.

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September 25, 2011 at 8:21 am

Jake - I am so glad that for a split-family situation, that things went so smoothly during Sam's hospital stay. I just wanted to again, thank everyone involved for coming together for Sam. He has several doctor's appointments this week, and I will keep posting updates as info comes in. He **currently is in about the same condition as when we left "Big City Hospital". Please keep praying for Sam and Kara, as we still are looking for an answer.**

September 26, 2011 at 4:56 am

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Jake - I just saw on the news that people are more likely to believe lies and made-up stories if you start them with the phrase "I just saw on the news that..."

September 30, 2011 at 5:24 am

Jake - Thx. He's still got a long road ahead of him, but it **FINALLY looks like we are on the downhill side of this!**

September 30, 2011 at 6:14 am

Jake - For **Sam being the one with the nasty pain** and symptoms, he seems to be handling the whole thing better than I am. Just so worried for him.....

September 30, 2011 at 7:33 am

Jake - Something needs to work. **I feel so bad for BOTH kids, not knowing how long this will last.**

September 30, 2011 at 8:22 am

Jake - **Two tuff kids!**

September 30, 2011 at 7:24 pm

Bryan Lelanddoes Kara have the same headaches like Sam has?

September 30, 2011 at 7:28 pm

Jake - I think she does, but don't know for sure.

September 30, 2011 at 7:53 pm

Renee -Thinking of you guys!!! Thanks for updating. Hopefully they find something that works **and what actually cause the onset of it.**

October 1, 2011 at 10:28 am

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Jake - Latest on Sam: **Sam's family doctor says that Sam is having "Complex Migraines with stroke-like activity". He denies any "conversion disorder" theory, and has scheduled a treatment for Sam this afternoon to attempt to stop the headache once and for all.** If it doesn't work, he is talking about doing a nerve block to stop the pain. **Sam might start trying half days at school in the middle of next week, to see how he can handle it,** working up to the possibility of returning full time the week after. He gets a little better each day, **and we are in the process of stopping some meds** that we and the doctor think are not needed.

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October 1, 2011 at 3:39 pm

Jake - Worked a half day. Now at home hanging with Sam!

October 3, 2011 at 4:28 pm

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Jake - **Just hear today about a teenage boy from "Nearby Town" who's at "Big City Hospital" with stroke-like symptoms and tests show no reason for them.... How many kids will it take before someone decides this may be something big?** I have made the offer for this boy's parents to call me for sharing information....

October 3, 2011 at 5:33 pm

Brian -**Me thinks someone need to start connecting the dots!!!**

October 3, 2011 at 6:48 pm

Stacey -hope they figure it out and that **the docs will talk to each other!**

October 4, 2011 at 8:15 pm

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Dave -I fully agree with you Jake..**In this one town over here, they have a cancer cluster of kids dying from cancer, and they don't have a clue of what is causing it... I think it's Clyde, Ohio...**

October 4, 2011 at 10:17 pm

Jake - POPULATION CONTROL??? This is my son, and people I know, that I'm talking about. NOT a national average of sickness. **It's just odd that these kids still have no explanation as to what is going on.**

October 5, 2011 at 8:37 am

Jake - **I know of too many people who are facing strange medical conditions. From teenagers to infants having seizures, to friends from school with cancer...** Just makes me feel like there's something really wrong.....

October 7, 2011 at 11:25 am

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Jake - Just can't shake this feeling of mental and physical exhaustion. **Ever since Sam's hospital stay, my body has felt like I'm getting no sleep at all..... UGH!**

October 7, 2011 at 11:28 am

Jake - Cricket- yes, he's been staying at his Mom's house.

October 7, 2011 at 12:12 pm

4 people like this

Kara-I took this and put it as my background of my phone :) wel.. The words..

October 8, 2011 at 3:50 pm

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Jake - A special Thank You to Sam's friends who had these shirts made, and sold them, and for those who donated money. **The funds were used to help pay doctor bills**, and GREATLY appreciated!!!!

October 10, 2011 at 5:48 am

Jake - **Oh, and we also have another teenager at "Our County High School" going thru similar symptoms. Sam's Mom is making efforts to contact his parents.**

October 10, 2011 at 5:51 am

Tina -**So that makes dour kids total? Three at "Our County High School" and one in "Nearby Town"?**

October 10, 2011 at 5:52 am

Jake - The **"Nearby Town" kid, along with others, are still rumors at this point.** Until we get names, we just accept them AS rumors. **If you include all kids that we have heard about that way, the number is like 7 or 8.**

October 10, 2011 at 7:54 am

Jake - No Sean, the Indy trip was complete BS. It was just so the Doctor in "Big City" could have his "buddy" back up the wrong diagnosis. We still have the option to get him back to Indy if needed, but for now we are sticking with Dr. "Gooder". He seems to have the best handle on things.

October 10, 2011 at 8:01 am

Sean - Have you done any investigating on your own , check with major medical universities or even checking through internet with other major hospitals to see if they've had any patients with similar symptoms

October 10, 2011 at 8:28 am

Sean - What are all his symptoms I've got a neighbor that works with a top pedatrition in "Big City" , she might have other ideas where to look

October 10, 2011 at 10:45 am

Jake - **Sam is trying a half day of school this afternoon.** The school has a great plan for slowly working him back in to the swing of things. I can't imagine trying to learn anything with his headache still pounding away, but he's going to try. Please pray that it goes well for him. Thank you!

October 11, 2011 at 6:00 am

Jake - It's hard to tell Stacey. He's still really quiet about everything. When I asked him about school, he shrugged his shoulders and said "It was okay.". It's so frustrating that he won't open up and say how he really feels about something. Doc says that will go away with time. **He just still not himself.....**

October 13, 2011 at 11:44 am

Kara-ohh.. Aww.. Wel that is okay! Hahaa

October 14, 2011 at 2:00 pm

2 people like this

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Kara-what is going on? I just know Im a kid.. Haha

October 14, 2011 at 2:08 pm

Jake - **Not to worry Kara. I'm just trying to get an actual list of parents and teens who will agree to work together (like your Mom and Sam's Mom and I are working together) to find out exactly what is going on. You and Sam deserve an answer.**

October 14, 2011 at 2:14 pm

Jake - IMPORTANT NOTE: **Teens that you have "heard" about are interesting, but I need names of parents. And ONLY parents willing to share information with us and between doctors.**

October 14, 2011 at 2:20 pm

Kara-are you Sams parents? Who is Sam? We do.. Thank you!! I have no worry :)

October 14, 2011 at 2:23 pm

Kara-I am wanting to work the best I can with you and everybody else doing the same!! :)

October 14, 2011 at 2:24 pm

Jake - Kara, you and your Mom are helping us so much! Sam, his Mom and I are so lucky to have the information from you!

October 14, 2011 at 2:28 pm

Kara-aww, wel great! :D am very hapy to help, no doubt! :)

October 14, 2011 at 2:41 pm

Jake - stress overload.

October 16, 2011 at 2:35 pm

Jake - Because of the actions of some people, I am starting to feel like there may be some type of "cover-up" going on with these teenage kids and the strange illnesses going on. **If you know of ANY teenager with strange and unexplained symptoms, please PRIVATE message me with details. I do not in any way want to break any HIPPA laws, and will handle all information received with great care. I'm making an effort to catalog these illnesses to have the information needed to take the investigation to the "next level". Thank you.**

October 17, 2011 at 8:06 am

Jake - Got the afternoon with Sam and "Sam's Younger Sister"! I'm a happy Dad!

October 18, 2011 at 6:26 am

Jake - This is bad Tina. I don't remember this kind of pain BEFORE my surgery.

October 18, 2011 at 6:32 am

Jake - Thank you Miche. I just might. I'm waiting for my pills to kick in before moving off the couch. I SHOULD be able to move some then

October 18, 2011 at 7:19 am

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Kara-You are dandy Jake! Pain is nothing compared to your strength :) just keep smiling Jake :) smile big and know that you will be absolutely darling when it's close over :)

October 18, 2011 at 7:35 am

Jake - Thanks Kara. At least I know what's causing my pain. I still worry so much about you and Sam. You are so strong!

October 18, 2011 at 7:38 am

Kara-you are so welcome Dave! :) I am glad you know that it is what it is.. I am such a strong girl, I know that :) but there is no need to worry, whoever Sam is.. We are no doubt okay. We will get everything figured out only together, you are great!! :)

October 18, 2011 at 8:54 am

Jake - Finally got a call back from the doctor's office. Appointment at 1. I'm predicting at least x-rays to check the rods and screws to make sure that nothing has come loose.

October 18, 2011 at 10:40 am

Jake - Got a shot in the rump that makes it less painful to breathe. MRI today, results discussed back at doctor's office when done. Deathly scared that another surgery may mean that I'll never work again. I guess I'll know in a few hours.....

October 18, 2011 at 9:10 pm

Jake - I think I have ruptured another disc in my back. Severe constant pain... Hurts to breathe.... Waiting for doctor's office to open. I haven't hurt like this since before my back surgery. This is not good.

October 26, 2011 at 1:56 pm

Jake - Yes, **things are getting worse for Sam. Memory issues getting bad and twitching increasing.** He has doctor's appointment tomorrow.

October 26, 2011 at 5:08 pm

Jake - Worried

October 26, 2011 at 7:59 pm

Jake - With Sam's permission, I will give this update: **Sam's symptoms are getting worse. He has a lot of trouble remembering who friends and family are and his tics are coming back and changing some.** He has a doctor visit tomorrow.

Comment: The next (3) posts are from Sam's Facebook wall.

October 27, 2011 at 10:21am near Apex, NC ·

Lora -

Sam!!! Just was thinking about you and want you to know I love you!! :) I'm sending lots of hugs to you!!! Love always!!!

Don likes this.

October 27, 2011 at 1:50pm via mobile · 1

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Sam Hello! It looks as we know each other well! We should visit! :)

October 27, 2011 at 11:13pm

Abby-Sam this is Lora- your cousin from NC. We are all pretty crazy about her!

October 27, 2011 at 3:28 pm

2 people like this

Kathy -If that scan was something that could help, why did they wait so long to do it?!?!? Grr....

October 27, 2011 at 3:34 pm

Jake - Not sure. Maybe because of Sam's latest memory issues, **they feel like there might have been something missed. Sam and the other girl with these issues are both showing stroke-like symptoms** that were **not found with their MRI tests**. I guess the **PET scan is a more definitive type of scan**.

October 27, 2011 at 3:39 pm

Kathy -Well I hope it reveals something that is definitive. Just having an answer would give you all a bit of stress relief.

October 27, 2011 at 4:09 pm

Angella -The other student is having these same issues? Are they testing them together?

October 27, 2011 at 4:15 pm

Anne LantzGeez, I hope they find something try not to worry Jake, I am praying for you, Sam, Sam's Mom- and "Sam's Younger Sister"....You all hang in there, ok!

October 27, 2011 at 4:16 pm

Jake - With the recent change in Sam, the **symptoms between the two kids are near identical**. The current **doctor knows of the other girl and her tests, but they haven't been tested together as in "same place, same time"** kinda thing.

October 27, 2011 at 5:22 pm

Angie -Riley was a gift from God for our family. Can't say enough about the care we received and the doctors there. Will be keeping you in my thoughts and prayers and hope you finally have some answers, Jake!

October 27, 2011 at 5:22 pm

Billie -Oh, man. **Didn't realize he was having memory issues**. Wishing for good things for u all.

October 27, 2011 at 7:44pm near "Our Town" Jake - **Hearing rumors again about another teen at the high school with the same symptoms as Sam. PLEASE, if you have contact with parents of teens going thru this stuff, ask them to contact me**. But we need parents to contact us. Thank you.

October 27, 2011 at 8:33 pm

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Jake - We only **have proof of 2**. Many rumors, but rumors don't help. **Without names, and other parents willing to talk, they are just rumors.**

October 27, 2011 at 9:14 pm

Jake - Latest on Sam: Family doctor is making appointments for Sam at Riley in Indy for several tests including a PET scan to look for things that might not show in an MRI. We will know by Monday, as to where and when. **He is still having memory issues, and trouble recognizing family and friends**, but is in good spirits about it all.

Comment: The next (3) posts are from Sam's Facebook wall. His aunt posts a picture of her with Sam when he was younger hoping it will refresh some memories.

October 28, 2011 at 11:08pm near "Our Town"

Michele - posted a photo to Sam's Wall.
3 people like this.

October 29, 2011 at 11:01 am Michele -

No, he's suffered extreme memory loss this week and doesn't remember much of anything. Hoping it's temporary.
1 person likes this

October 29, 2011 at 11:30am

Susan - I'm sure he still remembers you.....he is a
B O Yexplains a lot of things.....:)

October 29, 2011 at 7:42pm ·

Kara-
hi! :D — with Sam .

October 29, 2011 at 3:48 pm

6 people like this
Jake - Wish I could have been there. Great job Sam!

October 31, 2011 at 4:03 pm

Jake - School is just band class now as **he says the other classes hurt his head**. He is so quiet that it's hard to get out of him how everyday life is.

October 31, 2011 at 5:30 pm

5 people like this
Jake - Just dropped Sam at school for a study period. He still has trouble remembering family and friends, and things like watching our favorite tv shows. Still waiting to hear about times and places for PET scan in Indy.

October 31, 2011 at 7:46 pm

Jake - Sam at State Marching Band Competition. Thanks to his Aunt Mo for the picture!

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November 2011

November 1, 2011 at 7:18 pm

Jake - So nice to have "Sam's Younger Sister" and Sam here!

November 3, 2011 at 4:16 pm

Jake - Sam's PET scan scheduling is in the hands of The "Big City Hospital" Referral Department and they show no signs of being in a hurry.....

November 5, 2011 at 8:27 am

Jake - We found "Married, With Children" on Netflix, and I think Sam is set to watch all 225 episodes.

November 7, 2011 at 1:21 pm

2 people like this

Kara-i can not wait ! :D

November 7, 2011 at 3:57 pm

Carlie -Praying for your family. Send Sam my best

November 7, 2011 at 9:45 pm

Jake - Gotta love a son who helps getting groceries without any complaining! Thanks Sam!

November 8, 2011 at 9:00 pm

Jake - Just spoke with someone at the "Our County" Health Department. She said, until a doctor diagnoses Sam, or the other students with something that is caused from an environmental issue that they can't get involved. **Sam's PET scan is scheduled for early in December....**

November 9, 2011 at 8:13 pm

Dottie -Jake, may bright days be ahead for both you and Sam!

November 9, 2011 at 6:28 pm

Sean - Glad to see that your taking care of your problems get yourself healed so you can be even stronger for Sam , I'm sure he doesnt like seeing you in pain , I hope I stay on as a friend and not a people

November 9, 2011 at 3:31 pm

Melissa -Praying for answers and healing for both you and Sam.

November 19, 2011 at 12:24 pm

Jake - **Ok... BOTH Sam and Kara had set backs today. Both kids started having severe memory issues today.** Just don't understand **why we can't get a doctor somewhere to agree that these kid's conditions are related.**

November 19, 2011 at 11:13 pm

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Bonnie - Jake -thought this might be interesting. It is part of the **Maryland Clinic. -Mystery Disease Clinic – A Kentucky woman’s mystery disease has finally been diagnosed at a special clinic. Thanks to medical detectives, Louise Bengé now knows why her legs feel like they’ve turned to stone. The 57-year-old woman has suffered a ...**

Comment: Friends of Sam posting on his Face book page trying to help him recall who they are by reminding him of specific events.

November 21, 2011 at 10:15pm

Jeff -

This is how I met you. We were in marching band together. This was your first year, and my last. What an awesome year it was.

Balance

Length: 11:47

Share ·

November 27, 2011 at 6:20 pm

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SAM’s PARENTS BECOME AWARE OF THE LEROY, NEW YORK CASES FOR THE FIRST TIME!

*Comment: On November 29th, 2011, 03:39 AM,
I see the information posted on FluTrackers at
<http://www.flutrackers.com/forum/showthread.php?t=177170>*

6 LeRoy, New York students are also exhibiting symptoms of uncontrollable tics and neck pain. I forward a link to both Flutrackers.com and the news story linked on the Flutrackers thread. Jake shares this information with his Face book network.

November 29, 2011 at 8:57 pm

3 people like this

Brian -This link **should be forwarded to Indiana's State Health Department!!!**

November 29, 2011 at 9:13 pm

Becky -Did you email the reporter in NY? Do the symptoms there sound similar to Sam and the other children in your area?

November 30, 2011 at 6:12 am

Jake - I can't find specific details, but it sounds very much the same.

November 30, 2011 at 9:43 am

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Brian -Great idea, Becky!!! I would do that, Jake!!! And while you're at it, message "A Local TV Station Personality" and if ya want me too, I'll message my cousin, Matt, who works for the "TWO LOCAL NEWSPAPERS" and see if we can't drum up some local press coverage!!!

November 30, 2011 at 5:48 pm

15 people like this

Jake - That's all Sam, "Sam's Younger Sister", and Mom. They did a wonderful job!

November 30, 2011 at 8:05 pm

Jake - Above post was meant for the other photo. The outside of the house is 100% Sam .

November 30, 2011 at 8:07 pm

Jake - Staple gun and lights in hand, Sam W. Grizwald sets off on a journey to make our house look the best in the neighborhood

November 30, 2011 at 9:20 pm

Jake - <http://www.wgrz.com/video/default.aspx?bctid=1265231758001>

Mystery illness showing up at New York high school. THEIR State Health Department is assisting in an investigation, while here in Indiana, we get NO help.....

December 2011

December 1, 2011 at 11:38 pm

Jake - Surprise visit from Sam and Colin. Thanks for stopping by boys.... And be careful with those pictures of Shelly that you got from my yearbook

December 3, 2011 at 3:54 pm

Jake - I'm hanging with Sam and a friend of his. You can stop over if ya want. We're just watching the tv.

December 8, 2011 at 8:01 am

Jake - Sam's PET scan is today in Indy. I'm hoping we will finally get an answer to all of this. He and his classmate Kara have gone thru a lot since Labor Day, they deserve an answer and a solution.

December 8, 2011 at 12:15 pm

Jake - I am waiting for his mom to call with the explanation, but Sam says they are on their way back from Indy and he DID NOT get the PET scan. I will update when I know what's going on.

December 8, 2011 at 3:43 pm

Jake - Still waiting for Sam's mom to call with details.....

December 8, 2011 at 4:00 pm

Jake - "Sam's Younger Sister" is here with me. Sam is on the way back from Indy with his mother.

December 8, 2011 at 6:45 pm

Jake - I actually don't know the doctor's name. Sam's mom and aunt took him today.

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December 8, 2011 at 6:47 pm

Michele -His name was Dr “_____”. I really liked him and felt VERY reassured after leaving his office that we are possibly on the other side of this thing. That being said, if Sam has another episode, he wants to see him ASAP. It was good to finally see a doctor who would truly listen to Sam and he is letting him call the shots as far as medications go. He answered our questions for over an hour today.

December 8, 2011 at 9:04 pm

5 people like this

Jake - Sam did not get a scan today. He saw another neurologist who wants to try to treat Sam's headache first. He has a follow up appointment in February, and we can call if his symptoms start up again. So at this point, we still don't have an answer. We can just be thankful for every day that he has no symptoms....

December 10, 2011 at 12:14 pm

Jake - Attention Friends of Sam : Doctor's orders are NO cell phone after 10 pm. If you need to call or text Sam, do it before 10. After that, the phone is turned off and in my possession. This is an effort to help with his headache. Thank you.

Comment: Friends of Sam posting on his Face book page trying to help him recall who they are by reminding him of specific events.

December 12, 2011 at 11:00pm

Keirston -

Remember when after the march a thon, a bunch of us went to Luke's house.. but ended up going bowling instead(: when you taught me and kierra how to tie our shoes funny! when you alwayyys used to make fun of me for 1) not knowing big words, and 2) idk but you guys always laughed at me :D also, when i told you that i stalked you and that i knew where you lived.. but it didn't freak you out that muchh. (:

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December 21, 2011 at 10:42 am

Crysthia -Hey Jake. What is the latest news about Sam?

December 21, 2011 at 11:03 am

Stephanie Good Merry Christmas!

December 21, 2011 at 6:07 pm

5 people like this

Jake - **Sam started full days of school this week**, and seems to be doing fine with it. **While we still don't have the answers**, I'm very grateful to see him back to his old self.

January 2012

January 5, 2012 at 8:38 pm

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Jake - Sam cooked supper last night. He made us chicken Alfredo. I think it was better than when I make it.... Thanks Sam !

Comment: Friends of Sam posting on his Face book page trying to help him recall who they are by reminding him of specific events.

January 9 at 11:01pm near "Our Town"

Mary -

dear Sam, we used to be awesome friends back in 7th grade! -mary :)

January 9 at 11:01pm near "Our Town"

Comment: News of the LeRoy, NY Cases now reported at 12, goes National. I forward the link to Jake via e-mail. Jake Posts on Face book.

January 11, 2012 at 9:03 pm

7 people like this

Jake -



[Update on Tourette-Like Illness in Leroy | wgrz.com](http://wgrz.com)

Wednesday night, administrators said all 12 students have been diagnosed and are being treated. They are not releasing causes due to HIPAA laws. They said they found similarities among some cases but wouldn't elaborate.

January 13, 2012 at 9:04 am

2 people like this

Sean - Good to hear Jake is Sam still doing well , I hope everything gets better for you guys , hope your back is feeling better this weather always kills my body every joint aches

January 13, 2012 at 9:09 am

Jake - New York High School students with "Mystery" illness have the same symptoms, and their parents are getting the same run around that we got with Sam. One of the parents is starting a support group. Le Roy, N.Y. - It has affected 12 female students at LeRoy High School and now there's a name for this mystery illness.

January 13, 2012 at 11:15 am

Jake - I've pondered calling, however with Sam almost back to his old self, I don't know how much information would be helpful either way. I've sent these articles to Sam's Mom to see what she thinks. I don't have the liberty to share info about Sam's classmate, so I really don't have much of anything to share with the New York parents.

January 13, 2012 at 11:34 am

Brian -What you say is true, Jake! But **knowing kids in other states are having the same issues, gives the New York parents more ammunition for thier fight and vice versa!!!** Great news on Sam!!! Glad he's doing so much better!!! You're next!!! ;)

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January 15, 2012 at 4:17 pm

Jake - Seems like when I was in school, after school activities like band practice, got done on time, so the parents weren't waiting in the parking lot for half an hour.... Oh how things change.

January 15, 2012 at 8:25 pm

Jake - Since Sam's ordeal started, back around Labor Day weekend, I have had so many people reach out to help in many different ways. I just wanted to take a second and thank you all again. Everyone who help, from sending texts or messages of support, to helping with food and finances, thank you all so much. I'm hopeful that my next round of injections will get me back to my normal life, and without the emotional support from you all, it might not have happened. Thank you.

January 17, 2012 at 8:43 am

1 person likes this

Jake - I'm way upset about the way the State Board of Health is lying to the public about this!

January 17, 2012 at 9:31 am

Angella -Jake, I watched this today and immediately thought of Sam. are you guys getting any answers???

January 17, 2012 at 10:04 am

Jake - I've been following the New York cases since it broke a few months back. We still have no answers. The NY parents seem to be getting the same run-around that we got with Sam.

January 17, 2012 at 10:14 am

Jake - Sam didn't have the vocal tics, and his were more constant than the one girl from the video. If it wasn't for Sam's classmate, who is a girl, and the onset of symptoms being within a few days of each other, it wouldn't seem to be as closely related. 12 kids in NY, 2 in "Our County High School", at the same time? It's too coincidental.

January 17, 2012 at 9:26 pm

Jake - Mystery illness girls from Le Roy. New York are supposed to be on The Today Show this morning.

January 17, 2012 at 12:02 pm

Jake - Just watched the video again and noticed the picture of the one girl looks as if she's carrying a flag in marching band. Sam and his classmate were both in band and she was with the flag group. Just so odd.

January 17, 2012 at 1:12 pm

Carlie -Sam is in my study hall but I never got to ask how he's doing... This is very odd...

January 17, 2012 at 10:34 pm

Jake - These girl's symptoms started within a few days of Sam and his classmate at "Our County High School". While Sam is almost completely recovered, his classmate is still not back at school. They are getting the same FALSE diagnosis that Sam got. I'm upset that the Doctor in the interview didn't answer the question as to why 12 kids would get this all at once, all at the same school...

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January 18, 2012 at 9:59 am

Jake - THIS IS COMPLETE CRAP!!! Mass Hysteria??? I'm SO angry at how this is being handled. I was told the following by three different psychologists in "Big City" who looked at Sam... "When medical doctors cannot find a medical reason for someone's symptoms, they will just call it a psychological condition.". The key here is 'when they can't find', this DOES NOT mean there is no medical cause. This means they can't find it.

January 18, 2012 at 10:08 am

Mandi -I saw this last night on TV. Thought about you guys.. Hope they find something to explain it all because it looks like there are a lot more cases.

January 18, 2012 at 11:22 am

Jake - I just feel so bad for the girls and their parents. If I hadn't gone thru this with Sam, I wouldn't understand it either, but I KNOW that this isn't some mental issue for these girls.

January 18, 2012 at 1:48 pm

Jake - Doctor: Teens' mystery symptoms are psychological

Jan. 18: Doctors are looking into a medical mystery that's left 12 girls at a New York school with Tourette-like symptoms, while an investigation at the school in December found no health hazards. TODAY's Amy Robach reports.

January 20, 2012 at 7:54 am

Jake - Sam's mom says she emailed a tv station, but I don't know which one.

January 20, 2012 at 10:11 am

Sean - You should contact the Dr. So if nothing else he can compare notes and possibly help his patients

January 20, 2012 at 11:00 am

Sean - Oh and possibly give you some answers

January 20, 2012 at 11:22 am

Don - this gets things started to help Sam and your local girl along with the girls out east!!! Keep our fingers crossed!!!

January 20, 2012 at 12:08 pm

Kim -I watched that and thought of u and Sam hopefully this will help get answers for u=)

January 20, 2012 at 12:21 pm

Jake - I understand why the docs are saying "Conversion Disorder" and "Mass Hysteria", and I believe both of those to be true illnesses. The cases in NY and here just simply don't add up to either one. When a doctor runs all the known testing and finds no cause, they simply "give up" and claim that it's psychological. I understand that. **But we had 3 different psychs say that WAS NOT the issue with Sam, and from what I've seen the girls from NY say on The Today Show, they feel the same about their diagnoses.**

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January 20, 2012 at 12:40 pm

Jake - Worst of all for me is that I promised Sam at the hospital that we would figure this out, and as of today, I don't have the answer for him.....

January 20, 2012 at 4:44 pm

Sean - How old is Sam , talk to him and let him decide if he wants you to share his story with the people in NY or national tv, if he's half the man you are he will want to help

January 20, 2012 at 6:39 pm

Jake - Is it still a coincidence? This is the first time that I heard that the girls' tics are on the left side of their body... JUST LIKE SAM'S WERE..... Sam had talked many times about his face hurting from all the movement, just the same way that this girl, Thera does. Two Le Roy Girls With 'Conversion Disorder' Speak Out

January 20, 2012 at 6:39 pm

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January 20, 2012 at 7:36 pm

Mother of Case#3-Jake, my daughter developed very bad, chronic migraines, but no ticks. I, too, promised her that I would find the cause and fix it for her. We have a new avenue we are trying right now, hopefully, it's the magical medicine that will fix her. I feel your pain....hang in there, we will all get thru this.....

January 20, 2012 at 8:23 pm

Jake - I just emailed a "Big City" tv station about the "Mystery Illness" in NY, and how closely it resembles what Sam had/has. I hope that this info will eventually show that the cases in NY are not as isolated as the doctors there claim they are.

January 20, 2012 at 11:05 pm

Jake - Not just in Le Roy, but a second town in New York too. "Our County High School" marching band took a trip to New York City over spring break last year....

Two Le Roy Girls With 'Conversion Disorder' Speak Out |

January 22, 2012 at 12:46 pm

Jake - A doctor from CT speaks out on the Mystery Illness. This man has summed up a lot of our concerns about all of this! The Leroy, N.Y. Mystery Continues and Frustrates...

January 22, 2012 at 12:46 pm

Jake - A doctor from CT speaks out on the Mystery Illness. This man has summed up a lot of our concerns about all of this! Over the past few weeks, you've probably seen an article about it, but in case you haven't... there are 12 adolescent girls - all from the same high school in upstate NY. All about the same age. Al...

January 23, 2012 at 11:57 pm

1 person likes this

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Jake - Mystery Illness story from November of 2007. At yet a different school...

[Expect the best at WBHS - Roanoke.com](http://www.wbhs-roanoke.com)

January 23, 2012 at 8:40 pm

1 person likes this

Jake - Mystery Illness is nothing new. Watch this video from November 2006. Video: Mysterious Twitching Syndrome Students at a high school in Virginia report having involuntary tremors.

January 24, 2012 at 8:58 am

2 people like this

Jake - Another student in NY shows symptoms. The National Institute of Health is getting involved.

January 24, 2012 at 1:01 pm

Jake - Feds and Private Doctor Offer Additional Testing | wgrz.com

LEROY, NY -- Another student is now dealing with that strange illness in LeRoy. Now the National Institute of Health is planning to come to the area to search for answers. This comes at a time when the parents of the sick students are losing confidence in local doctors and plan to work with a new sp...

Document Revisions

Page - Section	Revision Description	Date of Change
Page 1	Corrected Sam's Age at onset from 17yrs to 15-1/2yrs.	2/09/2012
Page 2-Preface	Preface Sentence #3 Corrected "by Emily and posted on 11/28/2010." Changed to "by Emily and posted on 11/28/2011."	2/10/2012