

## Madi



Our Madi was born in October 2007. When she was about 2 months old she started having hypoglycemic seizures and was admitted to intensive care, that's when the doctors found out that her pituitary gland hadn't developed properly.

She was eventually given hormones for her thyroid, adrenal gland deficiency and put on pheno-barbitone. It took about 3 weeks to find all of this out and to stop her seizures. She came out of hospital on Christmas Day, it was the best Christmas present for all of us!

While she was in hospital my family just stayed together as much as we could, visiting every day. Madi's mum and dad stayed in the hospital until she could leave and my son came home from England when he found out.

Young Madi has heaps of love and a very supportive family and it shows with her contentment and confidence. Anyway, to move on, Madi had a couple of low times and was admitted to hospital for checks and her endocrinologist decided to put her on growth hormone and that has helped enormously.

The next thing is that she started having different seizures and she eventually saw a paediatrician and she has epilepsy, which is manageable. She is now being weaned off the pheno-barbitone and taking epilum. She is more aware and more interested in the world around her, she is blind, but with a bit of vision, she followed a torch that a Care4Kids (they work with vision impaired youngsters here in SA) person tried with her last week and so more good news, she will be taught how to use the vision that she has, with more intense training.

Now that she is taking less pheno-barbitone, she will lie on her tummy and lift her head up, she likes trying to crawl with her mum supporting her, so we reckon that we are onto a good thing, we hope that she will sit up in the next couple of months and then who knows? the world is our oyster. If anybody has similar stories or would like to know more about our experiences, or if we can help in anyway, please email me.

Madi's Adoring Gran, Pat.