



Marius, 17 years old

## MY STORY

When I was 15 years old I was thirsty all the time – without being ill!

I had to drink 6 liters of water over the day and woke up even in the night because I was so thirsty!

My mother noticed that I forgot many things and needed much more time to do my homework.

In addition, I was tired and flabby very often and less power...

We have seen a doctor several times, but he always said to us, that these symptoms are not relevant and probably occur because I am in puberty now.

During the next months my abilities to remind things decreased more and more, also I suffered from headache and vomiting in the morning. Then we saw an ophthalmologist, but he says everything is fine. Because the headache became worse and worse, and the vomiting was not only in the morning, my mother brought me to the hospital. The doctors in the hospital said, that I have a brain tumor, things had going really bad for me. My memory-function were very limited, I could not remember anything, I didn't know, where I am! In these days, I have slept all the day.

The doctors took a biopsy of my tumor and because the tumor markers in my blood and CSF were increased, the diagnosis of a germ cell tumor was established. I was treated by chemotherapy and radiotherapy, after this I had to undergo surgery. After the first cycle of chemo was finished, my memory got already better.

The therapy was finished two years ago. I'm fine!

I get along well in school and have no longer any problems with my memory!

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