

He's Rolling

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We have some great news that we want to share. . .

On July 3rd Sam finally received his new wheelchair. It came with good news and bad news. The good news is that it is functional and does not act like the old chair: "like it's possessed by demons," according to Sam. The bad news is that although they safely delivered the chair, they somehow forgot to bring all of the other parts with it i.e. armrests, seatbelt, cushion, wheel guards, extra batteries. On the bright side, Sam's chair will keep getting better and better—just like Sam. The other exciting news that we received on the 3rd is that Sam is eligible to do regenerative bone marrow stem cell therapy. This will take place in St. Louis, Missouri, and Sam will receive the first treatment in August. For those of us who aren't scientists, this means that they will be harvesting adult stem cells from Sam's hip bones and injecting the cells into the injured area of Sam's spinal cord. We hope that these adult stem cells will seek out the damaged nerve cells and replace them. While there are certainly no guarantees, we remain very hopeful and optimistic that this therapy will greatly assist Sam in his recovery of motor function (i.e. moving his fingers) and sensation. We're also looking forward to our first vacation together as a family since both Benjamin's birth and Sam's accident. To end a very eventful day, we attended a Real Salt Lake soccer game at the Rice Eccles Stadium. After the game, which ended sadly in a tied zero and fist fights, we watched an awesome fireworks show in the stadium. Whew—what an eventful day! July 4th Thanks Sarah & Rich for a great barbecue! Happy 4th of July, everyone! On July 10th, at his therapy, Sam army crawled across the room (with a little help). July 13th For the first time ever, in his whole life, Benjamin finally rolled from his back to his tummy. Though Sam is a little bit jealous of his progress, he's very proud of his son.