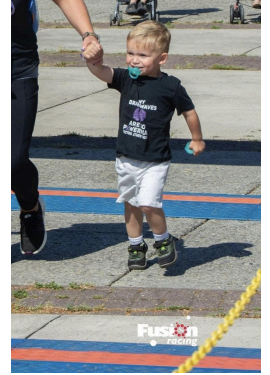


Patrick S.

Meet Patrick, a 4-year-old boy who was diagnosed with epilepsy and cortical dysplasia at just 18 months old. Cortical dysplasia, a condition that develops in utero, causes Patrick to primarily experience focal seizures. Initially, his parents were unaware of his epilepsy, attributing his "staring spells" to typical childhood behavior. It wasn't until his grandparents and teacher raised concerns that they realized something might be wrong. Patrick's mom contacted his primary care physician, who referred them to Nemours' neurology department. After an EEG and MRI, they finally received his diagnosis. At his worst, Patrick was having 10 to 30 focal seizures a day, but with the help of medication and his neurologists at CHOP, his family is now working hard to manage and control his episodes.



Despite Patrick's diagnosis, he remains one of the happiest and most loving kids. He's incredibly active and thriving in sports, with golf, t-ball, and flag football among his favorites. He enjoys fishing, the beach, and swimming. He doesn't let his condition define or control him.

Patrick's mom has become a passionate advocate as well as ambassador for epilepsy awareness. Last year, she successfully brought Epilepsy Delaware to his school to provide training for the teachers and administration. For the past three years, Patrick's family has participated in the Fusion Epilepsy 5K, and in his first year, he won first place for having the largest team. Through the support of family, friends, and his mom's company, Patrick's team has raised around \$7,000 for epilepsy, including contributions from the Fusion 5K and a generous donation to Epilepsy Delaware.

