Ryan

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RYAN'S STORY

Ryan is a 15-year-old high school freshman who loves golf, video games and the beach. A dedicated athlete, Ryan started training for the basketball team with daily workouts after school. He was excited and hopeful to make the team, until he started experiencing pain in his right leg.

After six weeks of physical therapy and no progress, it was recommended that he see an orthopedic specialist. The X-ray was clear and life-changing — Ryan had a tumor and needed immediate medical care. Ryan was referred to Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children for additional tests by pediatric cancer experts.

Ryan's biopsy confirmed that he had osteosarcoma (a type of bone cancer) in his right femur. Ryan and his family also learned that the cancer had spread to his lungs. Ryan completed two rounds of chemotherapy, and his right leg was amputated above the knee. He continues to receive chemotherapy to help shrink the tumors in his lungs.

"Everyone on Ryan's care team at Nemours has continuously provided us with the support and care we desperately need each and every moment during this time," says Ryan's stepmother, Cathy. "Through all of this, Ryan has certainly had his ups and downs, but overall remains positive. He looks forward to getting his prosthetic leg soon so he can get back to playing some golf with his father."

Ryan is also committed to supporting other pediatric cancer patients by being a Nemours patient ambassador for the 2020 A Round for the Kids golf tournament. All proceeds from this event benefit the Nemours Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders.

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