

5-YEAR-OLD RELIES LESS ON WHEELCHAIR, MORE ON HER OWN TWO FEET
Surgery Helps Young Girl with Cerebral Palsy Walk

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<p>ANCHOR INTRO:</p> <p>(PACKAGE START) ----- CG: Courtesy: Nationwide Children's Hospital</p> <p>CG: Sushma Manjunatha Bhoomi's Mom</p> <p>Fade to black</p> <p>Shot: Parents kissing Bhoomi goodbye</p> <p><i>(Jeffrey Leonard, MD - cover with shots in OR, CG'd later)</i></p> <p>Shots in OR</p>	<p>UNFORTUNATELY THERE IS NO CURE FOR CEREBRAL PALSY. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, MANY TREATMENTS THAT CAN REDUCE PAIN AND MOVEMENT DIFFICULTIES FOR CHILDREN LIVING WITH CP. AND ONE SURGICAL PROCEDURE IS MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE FOR ONE LITTLE GIRL....NIKI CHAVE HAS HER STORY.</p> <hr/> <p>(Nats: Surgery prep, parents say goodbye, wheel back to OR)</p> <p><i>"She was so excited about this surgery thinking it is going to be magical cut and she'll be all good, but it took a lot of effort from her to get where she is today."</i></p> <p>(Nats - "Be Strong")</p> <p>THE PARENTS OF 5-YEAR-OLD BHOOMI MANJUNATHA GIVE HER KISSES OF ENCOURAGEMENT AS SHE PREPARES TO UNDERGO A RARE SPINAL SURGERY, CALLED SELECTIVE DORSAL RHIZOTOMY AT NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.</p> <p><i>"This is most commonly performed for cerebral palsy."</i></p> <p>(Nats - surgery)</p> <p>THE SURGERY WILL MAKE BHOOMI'S MUSCLES LESS STIFF-- BY CUTTING THE NERVE ROOTS IN THE SPINAL CORD THAT ARE SENDING ABNORMAL SIGNALS TO HER MUSCLES.</p>
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<p>CG: Jeffrey Leonard, MD, Chief of Neurosurgery</p>	<p><i>There is an improvement in pain and there is a decrease in the amount of orthopedic procedures that they need."</i></p>
<p>Sushma Manjunatha (CG'd earlier) Cover with shots of Bhoomi inpatient Rehab</p>	<p>SUSHMA: <i>"Those first few days, that one week when she had to go through that pain, the back pain and the leg pains it was difficult surgery to go through."</i></p> <p><i>(Nat pop - Bhoomi: "Ouch!")</i></p>
<p>CG: Rochelle Krouse, CTRS Therapeutic Recreation (Cover with shots of Bhoomi inpatient Rehab)</p>	<p><i>"She came to Rehab really weak, not really able to do a lot, not able to move around a lot on her own. Now she's pulling herself up to stand and she's walking while someone is watching her with a walker."</i></p>
<p>Jeffrey Leonard, MD (CG'd earlier) Shots of Bhoomi outpatient rehab</p>	<p><i>"The parents sort of look at me funny when I say, "my part is actually kind of easy." The child has over 6 months of hard work in their physical therapy."</i></p> <p><i>(Nats - "Bhoomi, you're here, hi!")</i></p> <p>NOW-- THREE MONTHS AFTER SURGERY, BHOOMI'S OUTPATIENT THERAPISTS SAY SHE'S IMPROVING IN EVERY AREA.</p>
<p>CG: Wendy Rogers, PT Physical Therapist <i>Sushma Manjunatha- Cover with shots of Bhoomi walking</i></p>	<p><i>"She's walking really independently."</i></p> <p><i>"Her legs are pretty straight. I can really feel her knee locking which was never there."</i></p>
<p>Sushma Manjunatha (CG'd earlier)</p>	<p><i>"It's so important because that's what keeps her up straight – and helps her use her upper muscles"</i></p>
<p>Wendy Rogers, PT (CG'd earlier) Shots of Bhoomi walking</p>	<p><i>"Bhoomi just has an internal drive to do well and to work hard. Now we're seeing the benefit of all that hard work."</i></p> <p><i>(Nats - Bhoomi walking: "It's amazing, it really is")</i></p> <p>AT NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, I'M NIKI CHAVE.</p>
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<p>ANCHOR TAG:</p>	<p>DR. LEONARD IS ONE OF THE FEW</p>

	NEUROSURGEONS IN THE UNITED STATES PERFORMING THIS OPERATION THAT HELPED BHOOMI WALK, BUT HE SAYS THAT HER DETERMINATION MADE ALL THE DIFFERENCE.
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