



Matthew is a energetic, bubbly 16 month old who has Tetralogy of Fallot.

He was diagnosed at 5 days old after his paed picked up a heart murmur at birth and brought in a pediatric cardiologist to do a full checkup.

At 9 weeks old after going to the paed just to ease my mind(Matthew wasn't feeding properly) we had to be admitted straight to the paed ward at Ethekewini Heart Hospital as his lips kept going blue while in with the paed. That night his oxygen stats dropped to 30% and 2 days later he had to have his first operation to insert a shunt to bring the oxygen levels up to an acceptable level and allow him to grow in order to endure the tough 6hr open heart surgery to repair his heart.

The full repair took place in April 2018 when Matthew was 7 months old. His TOF defect was too severe and the doctors weren't able save his pulmonary valve so he now has a "very leaky" valve and will need another open heart surgery when he's around 6 years old.

Regards

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