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Our youngest daughter was born with Sever Combined Immunity Disorder which meant that she had no immune system and effectively had to be kept in a totally sterile environment. Despite this she still contracted rotavirus and severe bacterial pneumonia. At aged 3 months she was dying before our eyes. The normal protocol for treating her disorder was a bone marrow transplant but Nina was too weak and a donor match could not be found. Working with Great Ormond Street Nina joined the Gene Therapy trial where they hoped to synthetically correct the faulty gene that was causing the disorder. Like any trial or step away from traditional curative solutions there was a high level of risk but as parents we knew that if successful not only would Nina's life be saved but a new less intrusive and method of treating this often-fatal genetic disorder could progress. It is with great joy and pride today that we can say Nina now aged 5 is cured and as a result of her participation in the trial and continued active involvement in helping Great Ormond Street with their research 15 other children have now been cured using gene therapy.

Without the continued help and support of the public and private sector pioneering research into gene therapy is not possible. We believe gene therapy holds the key to many childhood illnesses and its continued development can prevent the suffering in children with life threatening genetic disorders.

So please, if you can, follow the link to donate and be part of the gene therapy innovation success story, no matter how big or small every donation helps. www.donate.gosh.org

May 2015 from left to right Aga Warnell, Graeme Warnell, Nina Warnell and Professor Bobby Gaspar enjoying a moment of happiness and combined success as Nina's treatment is deemed fully successful.