

My son was a patient at UNC's Specialty Clinic as a baby 20 years ago, and now all these years later, he has just transferred to UNC as a junior. 🥰

At the time, we were frightened and uncertain about his future with so many countless unknowns, but you and your staff were among the first of many to cheer for him - and us - along the way. You gave us hope, compassion, and a level of professionalism I'll never forget. He had all sorts of scary possible diagnoses, including skeletal dysplasia and Russell Silver syndrome, but as it turns out, he's just him, and just right the way he is.

At one of our appointments years ago, one of your staff members was looking carefully at his various characteristics, such as the whorl pattern of his hair. I of course had no idea what was going on, and thought it was so fascinating that you could study a detail THAT specific, looking for certain evidence leading to a diagnosis. I wish I could remember who she was because she was so kind and comforting. I asked her what she saw (which was almost certainly laced with a tone of worry), and she said, "I see a beautiful baby boy". What a sweet thing to say!!

It's remarkable to me that it's come full circle and he's now returning to UNC as a student. I'm so proud of him I could just pop and have felt inclined to thank all the people who helped us get here - which includes you!!

Thank you so much, Dr. Powell!!