

INDIANA UNIVERSITY
November 13, 1998

Gregory Smith, M.D.
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Indianapolis, IN 46227

Re: Nathan

Dear Dr. Smith,

Nathan was last seen November 12, 1998. At that time he underwent an examination under anesthesia and performance of an electroretinogram for possible retinal dystrophy.

Examination: Intraocular pressures were normal as was the anterior segment slit lamp exam. Dilated fundus examination was notable for attenuation of the retinal vessels diminished foveal light reflex, a reticulated pattern of the mid-peripheral retinal pigment epithelium. The optic nerves appeared normal.

Electroretinogram was markedly abnormal under anesthesia. The scotopic or rod responses were essentially flat. The photopic or cone responses were significant for markedly diminished amplitudes. Some of this depression is undoubtedly due to the anesthesia, however, the ERG remains markedly abnormal despite the confounding variable.

The abnormal ERG and the findings present on detailed fundus examination are both consistent with a retinal dystrophy. Possible etiologies are extremely diverse.

Differential diagnosis includes:

- 1) Retinitis pigmentosa and retinitis pigmentosa associated diseases. Inheritance patterns are quite variable. Chromosome testing is possible for some varieties. Nathan does not have other findings consistent with either Usher syndrome or Bardet-Biedl syndrome.
 - 2) Leber's congenital amaurosis but this is unlikely given Nathan's apparently normal acuity and the absence of nystagmus.
 - 3) Congenital stationary night blindness. This is decreased night vision with either normal or mild to moderately reduced central visual acuity. This is a possible diagnosis however these patients are usually myopic whereas Nathan is hyperopic.
 - 4) Other multi-system diseases such as infantile phytanic acid storage disease and infantile neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis. Hallmark of these storage diseases is progressive neurologic abnormalities.
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Recommendations:

I agree with the planned comprehensive neurologic evaluation. My second recommendation is evaluation by the genetics department. Chromosome analysis can be performed to possibly identify a rhodopsin gene mutation, as found in some cases of retinitis pigmentosa.. A significant portion of our evaluation will be observation over time. Without a pedigree of other affected family members, it is difficult to provide prognostic information. We would like to see Nathan in our office again in four months. Please feel free to contact our office if we can be of additional support in his evaluation. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the care of this child.

Sincerely,

Daniel E Neely M. D.
Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology
DEN/sd

Cc: Angela Tomlin, PhD
Bhuvan Garg, M.D.
To The Parents

The following test results are very hard to read.

The first page are the notes that were taken during Nathan's ERG that DR. Neely annotated. The following pages are the actual output from the ERG. The lines during night testing are suppose to look like a normal bell curve, Nathan's results are fairly flat. The day light results are supposed go up and down symmetrically. Nathan's day light results are up and down very erratically. I am more than happy to forward copies to anyone who might be interested, or you could contact Dr. Neely at Riley Children's Hospital (I only included 2 pages of ERG output test results because of server space restrictions).

Notes Taken While the ERG was being Performed

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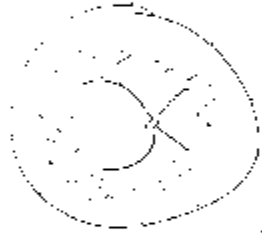

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(Operative Notes)

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① internal nerve ~~was~~ + muscle
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② Mild reticulated mid peripheral pigment changes. No Bone spicules.

③ moderate vessel attenuation

(Postoperative notes)

ERG ① Scotopic responses: severely diminished - flat
 ② Phopic responses: moderately depressed

Signed: Neely/Landon Date: NOV 12 1998

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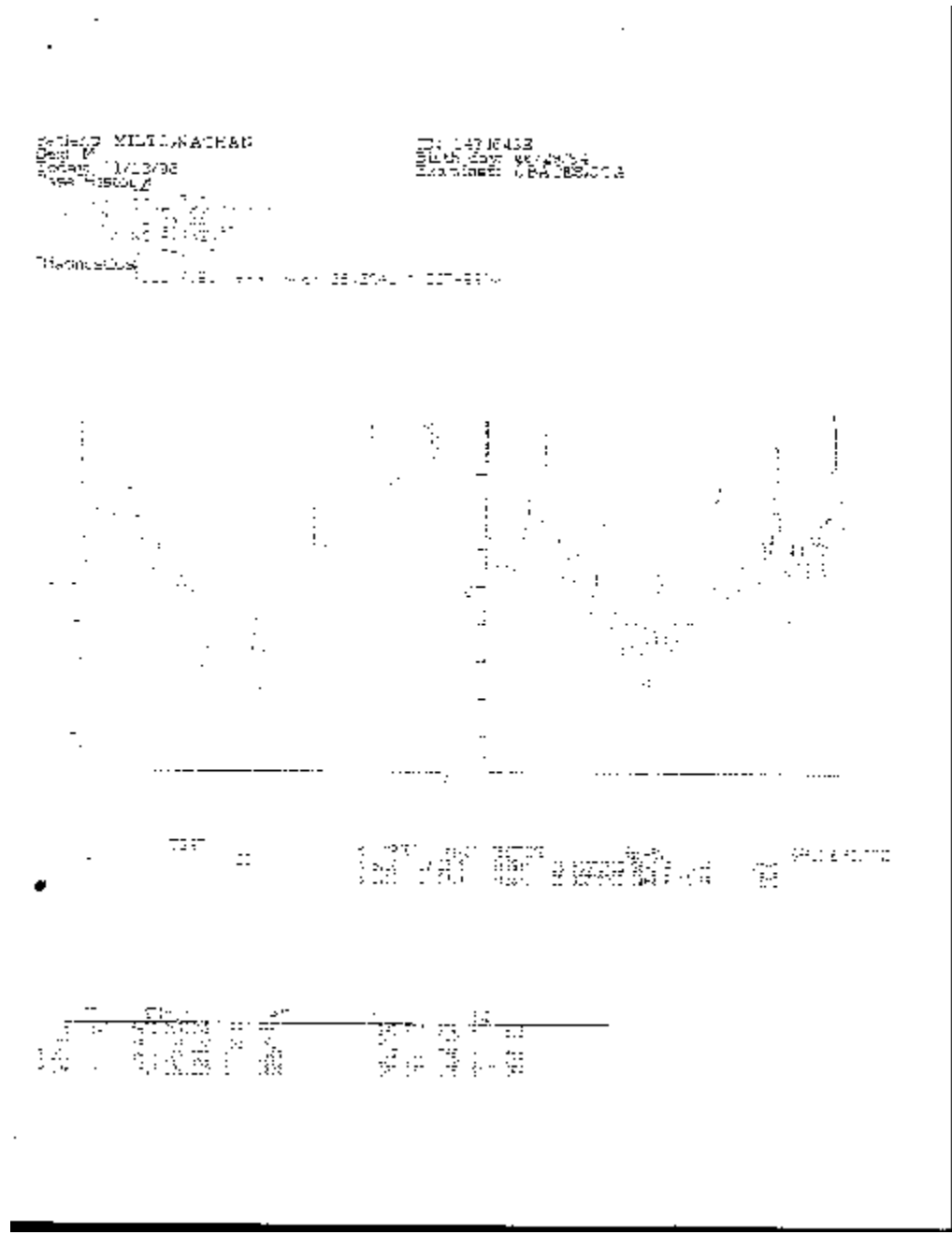
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ERG RESULTS #3 DAY LIGHT TESTING (not shown, available upon request)

ERG TEST #4 RESULTS NIGHT LIGHT (not shown, available upon request)

ERG RESULTLS #5 NIGHT LIGHT (not shown, available upon request)

ERG RESULTS #6 NIGHT LIGHT TEST (not shown, available upon request)