

NICK'S NEW HEART

QUALITY OF LIFE



Nick a few weeks after his heart transplant

On the large screen at the front of the filled auditorium is a picture of a child. It appears to be a boy around two years of age. The boy is sitting Indian style and has mud from head to toe, and a huge grin on his face. Dr. Kirk Kanter, a heart transplant surgeon at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston is standing at the podium speaking to the class of nurses.

“This is Nick May. I transplanted him two weeks before his second birthday. His mother sent

me this picture she took right after the transplant. With the picture was a note that read:

Dr. Kanter, You promised me quality of life with a transplant. And what is quality of life for a two year old, but a mud puddle.

If you wonder why we do transplants, this is why.”