



## **IMMEDIATE** RELEASE

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Rick Corman was admitted to Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston on June 8, 2008 for his bone marrow transplant. For the first 2 days in the hospital he was given high dose chemotherapy. The dose is so high that normally the bone marrow cells would be killed and unable to recover. However, last week, Rick had his own stem cells collected from his blood stream and stored to be given back to him this week. Yesterday was the day that his stem cells were given back through his blood stream. Over the next few days we expect the cells to find their way back to the bone marrow and start growing and producing new blood cells.

Rick has done exceptionally well so far with the transplant process. His nausea has been very mild. As expected, he has been very sleepy and has been able to rest through the past few days. He remains in an isolation unit where only sterile items can be brought and he is only allowed to eat food prepared in a special kitchen. As you would imagine, Rick has been managing to continue some light exercise with an exercise bike. This will help keep his muscles strong and his lungs from developing pneumonia. Over the next few days his infection fighting cells will drop to dangerously low levels and he will have severe weakness.

We optimistically anticipate that Rick will return home during the last week of June if his blood counts rise to safe levels. He will need to stay in isolation at home and his diet will remain restricted. He will be very weak at first but as time goes by his energy will return to normal. His cancer is already in remission but his doctors have proceeded to transplant to help make the remission last longer.

### Information Links:

[www.dfhcc.harvard.edu/home/](http://www.dfhcc.harvard.edu/home/)  
[www.LLS.org/myelomaeducation](http://www.LLS.org/myelomaeducation)  
[www.multiplemyeloma.org](http://www.multiplemyeloma.org)

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