

The Fart Machine on the Larry King Show

"Laughter is the Best Medicine"

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Mattie said he would be delighted to give you a line about the remote control fart machine!

"The saying 'laughter is the best medicine' has much truth in it! I spent five months in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, which is nothing to laugh about. If it hadn't been for the Clown Care Unit and the professional staff supporting my practical jokes, I don't know how I could have coped with my personal pain, or with the pain of watching other children and babies all around me suffer and sometimes even die. When I finally went home from the hospital, I left my remote control fart machine there, in a box I had decorated and filled with my practical joke supply. I labeled it the 'Remember to Play After Every Storm' emergency supply box. I have been told many stories since then, about the professional staff pulling out my machine (and other supplies) to cheer not only other patients, but also the staff members who are trying to save their lives. I can't imagine a hospital setting without a remote control fart machine, to remind the children and staff members to play between the storms. --- Mattie J.T. Stepanek"

**Feel free to use all or none!
Jeni Stepanek ("Mattie's mom")**

ps... for Mattie's birthday, I am planning on replacing his machine, since he donated his to the PICU at Children's National Medical Center.