



# Voice of the Participant

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**PARTICIPANT: OLIVIA CLAIRE KOUMANTZELIS**

# Olivia

- Born Pre-mature at 26 weeks
- 1 lb 13oz
- 13.5 inches long





Among the many difficulties  
Olivia faced the common  
denominator was her size.

# My teenie tiny human



# 82 Day Journey

- ▶ 82 days in the NICU
- ▶ 4 different studies, including Suck - Swallow - Breathe



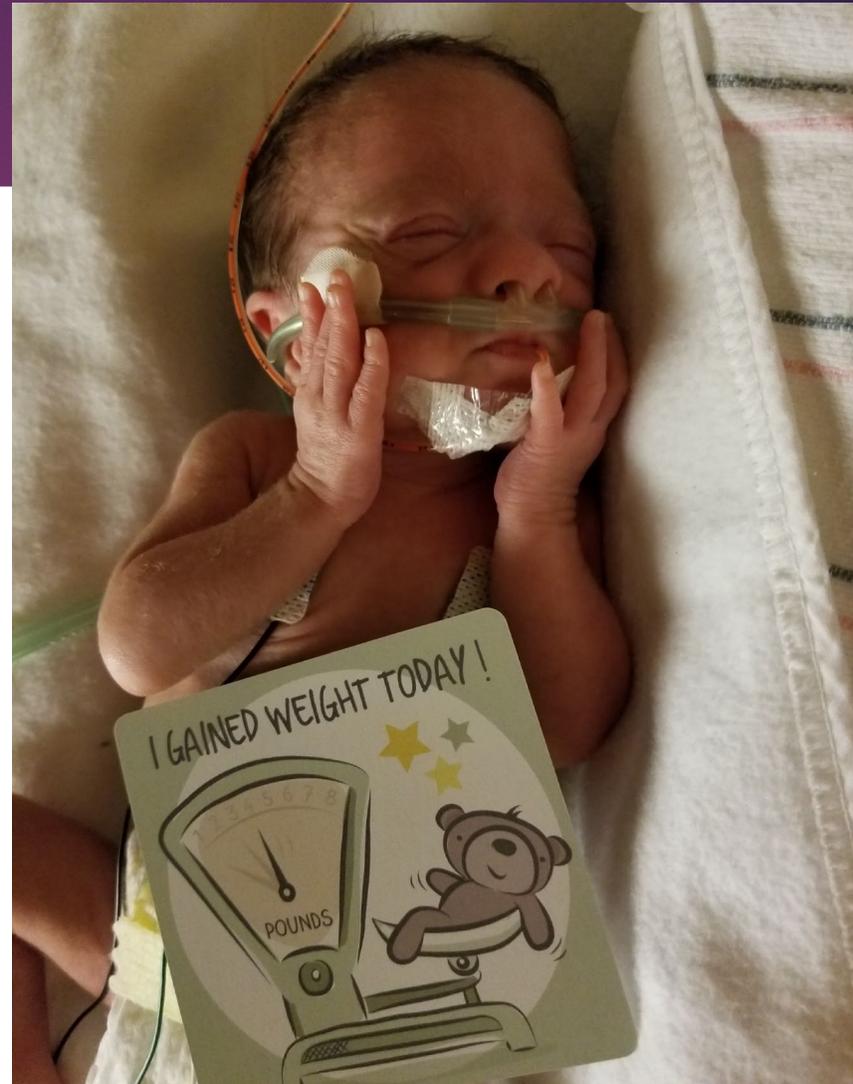
# Olivia's struggles

- ▶ Heart rate would drop
- ▶ Hold breath during feeds



# How Olivia Benefitted

- ▶ Taught multi-tasking
- ▶ Basic functions we take for granted
- ▶ Survival



- ← 3 years old
- ← Thriving
- ← 33 lbs
- ← Sassy, Smart, and Perfect in every way!



# Then and Now

