

<b>Video</b>	<b>Audio</b>
Video courtesy: Owens Family	<i>Nat sound</i>
	Even when her bowling ball ends up in the gutter, Evelyn Owens keeps on smiling.
	"And that's how she looks 99% of the time even if she doesn't feel good. She's very, very tough."
	The day after this video was taken would mark the beginning of Evelyn's toughest challenge yet, when tests revealed she had cancer.
<b>Claire Owens Evelyn's mom</b>	"Everybody thought it was a cyst. Even after surgery, they said it was a cyst, and then the pathology came back as cancer."
	Evelyn was only 6 years old when diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare childhood cancer that occurs in soft tissue, like muscle. Her family sought care at Mayo Clinic, where Evelyn could undergo a cutting-edge treatment called proton beam therapy.
<b>Safia Ahmed, M.D. Radiation Oncology Mayo Clinic</b>	"Proton therapy allows us to treat the area we need to treat completely while protecting many of the normal tissues nearby. And pediatric patients, that's very important because all of their tissues are growing."
	The proton beam attacks and destroys cancer cells with radiation by targeting the precise location in the body where the cancer is located.
	"And by minimize radiation dose, radiation dose side effects, to these tissues as they're growing is key — it improves their quality of life long term."
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	This was Evelyn's last day of treatment with the proton beam after six weeks of therapy ... a smile on her face every step of the way. Doctors say her prognosis looks good, and the cancer may never return.
<b>Austin Owens Evelyn's dad</b>	"I can't imagine going through this with anybody else but you. You need to be the poster child for going through cancer and cancer treatments, and I'm so proud of you and love you so much. You're going to do big things."
	For now, it's the little things that bring Evelyn joy and also knowing she battled cancer with bravery, courage and hope.
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