

**TRANSVERSE MYELITIS AWARENESS
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What is Transverse Myelitis (TM)?

- It's a rare neurological disorder that involves inflammation of the spinal cord effecting only 1400 people a year.
- There is no cure for TM but there are medications that can help with some of the symptoms: muscle weakness, paralysis, uncomfortable nerve sensations, fatigue and neuropathic pain.

Casey Irland was diagnosed with TM in January of 2011. After a lengthy stay in Strong Memorial Hospital & months of physical therapy Casey continues his upbeat & positive attitude despite how TM effectives his life. The pain can be so bad at times that Casey is bedridden for days. He is able to continue to participate in sports but with limited amount of activity.

Since over heating of the body can exasperate the symptoms, Casey wears a cooling vest to keep his temperature down as much as possible to avoid extreme pain. Although Casey realizes activity will bring on pain he feels it is worth playing in a game & dealing with the consequences later.

Casey has lived by the words, **HOPE, STRENGTH** and **DETERMINATION** throughout his ordeal. In the hospital the doctors told him he may never walk again, but by exhibiting these three characteristics he has proven the doctors wrong. He has been an inspiration to many & with the support from family & friends he continues to fight.

PLEASE HELP FIND A CURE!

For more information on Transverse Myelitis go to www.myelitis.org



**CASEY IRLAND
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!