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Jen Malaueulu

Lucy Malaueulu

We are the moms of a 24 weeker who spent the first 410 days of his life in patient. 355 days in the NICU and 55 days on 4h. We have been together for 16 years and having a family was something we always wanted. Having a micro preemie however, with a long hospital stay was never part of the plan. But here we are, 4 years later, sitting here today to talk about our experiences, the good, the bad, and yes, even the ugly.



Kris Humphreys, MD

Dr. Kris Humphreys is a certified member of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH). They provide gender affirming primary care for transgender and gender diverse adults in the Saint Luke's Health System. They are a parent to two children who have had wonderful care at Children's Mercy. Dr. Humphreys identifies as non-binary and uses they.



