Kennedy Son
Able to Quit
Treatments

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Senator Edward Kennedy's oldest son has made such good progress that doctors have halted painful hospital treatments for cancer, a spokesman for the senator said yesterday.

Edward Jr., 13, remains on medication but will not have to return to a Boston hospital every three weeks for three-day treatments with massive doses of Methotrexate, a cancer drug that produces painful side effects.

More than 18 months ago, the senator's son had his right leg amputated after doctors discovered he was suffering from bone cancer.

"The prognosis was so good that hospital treatments were stopped six months ahead of schedule," the Kennedy spokesman

Young Kennedy suffered from chronic pain, fever, chills and vomiting while taking the drug.

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