Neurofibromatosis, or NF, is an under-recognized genetic disorder that causes tumors to grow on nerves throughout the body.

NF occurs in one in every 3,000 people and affects millions worldwide.

NF can lead to deafness, blindness, disfigurement, bone abnormalities, learning disabilities, disabling pain, and cancer.

NF affects all populations regardless of ethnicity or gender.

Roughly half of all cases arise in families with no history of the disorder.

NF is more prevalent than cystic fibrosis, Duchenne muscular dystrophy, and Huntington’s disease combined.

NF has three distinct forms, NF1, NF2, and schwannomatosis.

NF research is shedding new light on several forms of cancer, brain tumors, bone abnormalities and learning disabilities, ultimately benefiting the broader community in addition to those with NF.

Progress toward ending NF is being made every day. Because of Children’s Tumor Foundation funding, there are dozens of on-going NF-specific clinical trials in existence, and over 50 NF Clinics nationwide.

For more information on NF please visit www.ctf.org

Help end NF by joining the confidential NF Registry. To learn more and participate, please visit www.nfregistry.org