About Neurofibromatosis

Neurofibromatosis, or NF, is a genetic disorder that affects 1 in every 3,000 people. It causes tumors to grow on nerves throughout the body, and can lead to deafness, blindness, disfigurement, bone abnormalities, learning disabilities, disabling pain, and cancer. NF occurs in all populations equally, and there is not yet a cure.

About Children’s Tumor Foundation

Founded in 1978, the Children’s Tumor Foundation (CTF) began as the first grassroots organization solely dedicated to finding treatments for NF. Today, CTF is a highly recognized national nonprofit foundation, the leading force in the fight to end NF, and a model for other innovative research endeavors.

Our Mission: Drive research, expand knowledge, and advance care for the NF community.

Our Vision: End NF.

Connecting Patients

WE ARE COMMITTED TO BRINGING THE BEST NF CARE TO PATIENTS.

NF REGISTRY

Join the thousands of people who have enrolled in the NF Registry, a critical tool in matching NF patients to clinical trials.

To join or learn more, go to nfregistry.org.

NF CLINIC NETWORK

More than 10,000 patients a year visit our NF Clinic Network.
ACROSS THE COUNTRY, THE CHILDREN’S TUMOR FOUNDATION PROVIDES SUPPORT TO NF PATIENTS AND FAMILIES, RAISING NF AWARENESS AND FUNDS FOR RESEARCH.

Connecting Communities

NF PATIENT SYMPOSIA
NF patients and families learn about the latest in NF research and build supportive relationships.

NF WALK
Local NF Walks across the country bring families and friends together to raise funds and build community.

NF ENDURANCE
Professional and amateur athletes run, bike, and swim in endurance events to raise awareness and funds for NF research.

DO-IT-YOURSELF
Make a difference in the fight to end NF by creating a fundraiser in your own community.

NF CAMP
Young people with NF gather in the summer for fun, friendship, and a lifetime of memories.

IN YOUR COMMUNITY
The Foundation works to strengthen bonds and create networks with NF families, as well as connect them to vital resources.

Connecting Researchers

WE ENSURE THAT THE BEST NF PROFESSIONALS FROM AROUND THE WORLD ARE COLLABORATING ON THE LATEST NF RESEARCH.

NF CONFERENCE
Our annual gathering of NF researchers and clinicians advances collaboration, research, and care for people with NF.

NF CONSORTIA
Collaborations accelerate research development through Synodos for NF1, Synodos for NF2, Synodos for Schwannomatosis, and other consortia.

To make a donation, become involved, or learn about Foundation activities in your area, please visit our website at ctf.org.