**ABOUT NF2-RELATED SCHWANNOMATOSIS (NF2)**

- **NF refers to** a group of genetic conditions that cause tumors to grow on nerves throughout the body. NF includes neurofibromatosis type 1 (NF1), and all types of schwannomatosis (SWN), including NF2-related schwannomatosis (NF2), formerly called neurofibromatosis type 2.

- Since 2022, NF2 has been reclassified as a subtype of schwannomatosis.

- **NF2-related schwannomatosis** affects approximately 1 in every 25,000 births.

- The signs and symptoms of NF2 usually develop during the late teen or early adulthood years, although around 10% of people with NF2 develop symptoms in late childhood.

- **NF2-related schwannomatosis** is characterized by the development of benign tumors called **vestibular schwannomas** on the eighth cranial nerve, which is the nerve that carries sound and balance information to the brain.

- Some people with NF2 develop other tumors involving the cells and membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord called **meningiomas** and **ependymomas**.

- NF2 can also cause the development of juvenile cataracts, which may compromise vision.

- The most common symptoms of NF2 include ringing in the ears (tinnitus), hearing loss, and balance problems.

- NF2 affects all populations regardless of race, ethnicity, or gender.

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

- There is no cure for NF2-related schwannomatosis yet, but promising advancements in NF2 research are underway.

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