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.

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

For more information on NF2 please visit ctf.org/NF2