

ABOUT NEUROFIBROMATOSIS (NF)

- **Neurofibromatosis, or NF**, is an under-recognized genetic disorder that can cause 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** blindness, bone abnormalities, cancer, deafness, disfigurement, learning disabilities, and disabling pain.
- **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 50 NF Clinics nationwide.



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

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