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The most common rare disorder
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WHAT IS NF?

Neurofibromatosis (NF) is characterized by the uncontrolled growth of nerve tumors and a variety of manifestations which may cause disability, cancer or even death. It is the most common genetic disorder caused by a single gene. NF is a highly variable and progressive disorder. Not all individuals with NF experience severe symptoms, but they all live with uncertainty, not knowing whether they will be significantly affected.

EFFECTS OF NF

A brief summary of possible problems from NF include:

- Visible Tumors
- Internal Tumors
- Learning Disabilities
- Chronic Pain
- Neuropathy
- Blindness
- Migraines
- Paralysis
- Bony abnormalities
- Deafness
- Deformities
- Seizure Disorders

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KNOW YOUR NF FACTS

- NF1 affects 1 in 2,500 births.
- Schwannomatosis affects 1 in 40,000 births.
- NF2-Related Schwannomatosis affects 1 in 25,000 births.
- NF affects people of all races and genders equally.
- **NF IS NOT CONTAGIOUS.** A person is born with it.

TREATMENT

Researchers have begun developing treatments for NF. In April 2020 the Food and Drug Administration approved the very first drug for the treatment of NF1 plexiform tumors. All other NF tumor types still seek treatments.

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