

What is Cystic Fibrosis?



Cystic fibrosis (CF) is a genetically inherited condition which requires daily and ongoing treatment.

There are over 3,000 people with CF in Australia and nearly 400 of those live in Western Australia. Each person with CF is affected differently.

There is presently no known cure for CF, but researchers are working very hard to find one.

What Causes CF?

CF is caused by a gene mutation that results in an imbalance of salt and water in the cells, causing mucus to be thick and sticky throughout the body. It mainly affects the lungs and the pancreas (in the digestive system).

How Do You Get CF?

1 in 25 people of Caucasian descent carry a CF gene mutation.

In WA there are over 100,000 carriers. If both parents are carriers, there is a 1 in 4 (25%) chance with each pregnancy of having a child with CF.

How Do You Treat CF?

CF requires ongoing and lifelong treatment from birth, including daily airway clearance, frequent clinic appointments, hospital admissions and multiple medications every day.

What Does CFWA Offer?

Cystic Fibrosis WA (CFWA) funds critical research and essential support services to improve the lives of children and adults affected by CF. We also strive to create awareness about CF in the community.

CFWA is partly funded by the Department of Health, but generous support from the community through fundraising and donations, are vital for our services and research funding.

We strive to meet our vision of;

“Lives unaffected by CF”



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