

What is Cystic Fibrosis?



Cystic Fibrosis in Western Australia

Cystic fibrosis (CF) is a genetically inherited condition which mainly affects the lungs and the pancreas (in the digestive system). There are over 3,700 people with CF in Australia and nearly 400 of those live in Western Australia. Each person with CF is affected differently.

Causes and Treatment

What causes cystic fibrosis?

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

How do you get cystic fibrosis?

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 cystic fibrosis?

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

Our Services

What do we offer?

Cystic Fibrosis WA funds critical research and essential support services to improve the lives of children and adults affected by CF. Key services include home support, crisis subsidies, mental health and carer support. We also strive to create awareness about CF in the community.

Call us for support and consultation (08) 6224 4100

