



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 over 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?

On average, 1 in 25 people in Australia carry a CF gene and most are unaware that they are carriers. If both parents carry the CF gene, 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

Cystic Fibrosis WA funds critical research and provides essential support services to improve the lives of children and adults living with CF in WA. We also strive to create awareness about CF in the community.

Our key services include home support, financial subsidies, peer connection, education and resources.

Go to www.cfwa.org.au for more information

