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NEUROFIBROMATOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

TYPES AND SYMPTOMS OF NEUROFIBROMATOSIS (NF)

NF refers to a group of complex conditions that cause tumours to grow on nerves, and impacts vision, hearing, skin, learning, speech, mobility, skin, bone development and more. Whilst each condition is highly variable, there are common signs and symptoms for each type of NF.

NEUROFIBROMATOSIS TYPE 1 (NF1)

This is the most common type of NF and occurs in about 1 in every 2,500 births. NF1 is typically characterised by six or more café-au-lait (light brown) marks and neurofibromas (small benign tumours) on or under the skin.

SCHWANNOMATOSIS (SWN)

Schwannomatosis is an umbrella term for a group of rare genetic conditions, including NF2-related schwannomatosis (NF2). The most common tumours are called schwannomas, which most often involve the spinal and peripheral nerves.

Sub-types of schwannomatosis are named according to the genetic information used for diagnosis:

NF2-related schwannomatosis (formerly neurofibromatosis type 2)
SMARCB1-related schwannomatosis
LZTR1-related schwannomatosis
22q-related schwannomatosis
Schwannomatosis NOS (not otherwise specified) or NEC (not elsewhere classified)

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