Congenital Muscular Dystrophy (CMD)

CMD is a pediatric disease caused by mutations in one of 30 genes and causes muscles to break down faster than they can repair or grow. A person with CMD may have various neurological or physical impairments such as:

- Muscle weakness impairing or preventing the ability to walk
- Joint contractures limiting everyday activities
- Scoliosis and other spine malformations inhibiting breathing function
- Feeding difficulties which often lead to a "failure to thrive" and feeding tube placement
- Breathing insufficiency causing frequent respiratory infections, hospitalization, and the need for mechanical ventilation
- Cognitive impairment making verbal communication difficult if not impossible
- Life-threatening seizures and cardiac abnormalities

Cure CMD is a non-profit organization supported by an engaged patient community eager for treatment. However, to date, no treatment or cure is available for Congenital Muscular Dystrophy.

Cure CMD Advocacy Priorities

⇒ Awareness of CMD and the needs of the CMD community
⇒ Access to affordable healthcare, employment, education, and travel
⇒ Funding for research that will lead to treatments and cures for CMD

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