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About Nevus Outreach

Nevus Outreach is dedicated to driving awareness, fostering a supportive community, and advancing research for people affected by congenital melanocytic nevi and related conditions.

Nevus Outreach was founded in 1997 by three families of children with giant nevi. Since then, Nevus Outreach has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of people with CMN. The Board of Directors is made up of individuals from across the United States, representing both parents of children with nevi and adults with nevi. Nevus Outreach regularly consults with leading physicians and scientists worldwide working in the field of pigment cell research and treatment. For additional information visit: nevus.org

Nevus Outreach is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation.



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What is Congenital Melanocytic Nevus?

A congenital melanocytic nevus, also called "CMN," is a birthmark caused by the excessive accumulation of benign pigment-producing cells called melanocytes. It usually has varying shades of brown color, and the size can range from the size of a freckle to encompassing large areas of the body.

Often, people with one or more large CMN will also have many smaller nevi scattered over their skin. These smaller nevi can continue to appear after birth.

About 1 in 100 people are born with CMN, but most of these are small in size. Large and giant nevi are extremely rare. Large nevi is estimated to occur in less than 1 in 20,000 births.

Congenital melanocytic nevi form in the womb during fetal development. They are caused by a mutation that may be inherited or happens by chance and is not due to anything the mother did while pregnant.

Nevus Outreach Initiatives

Awareness: Nevus Outreach raises awareness of congenital melanocytic nevi (CMN) in the medical community and the general public. We hope to create a future where people with CMN can easily receive treatment and have their distinctive appearance accepted.

Support: Nevus Outreach provides support to people affected by CMN through biennial conferences and events. The conference is a chance for people to connect with others who understand what they are going through.

Research: Nevus Outreach funds and supports research into the causes and treatments of CMN. We are a trusted source of information for clinical trials and have helped shape the MyPart Natural History Study in collaboration with the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health, which aims to study longitudinal outcomes of populations believed to be at higher risk for melanoma, including patients living with CMN.



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