

## WHAT IS NF?

NF refers to all types of neurofibromatosis and schwannomatosis, genetic conditions that cause tumors to grow on nerves throughout the body. NF occurs in 1 of every 2,000 births and affects about 4 million people worldwide.Anyone can be born with NF, and it affects everyone differently. NF can lead to blindness, deafness, bone abnormalities, disfigurement, learning challenges, disabling pain, or cancer.

## **BORN A FIGHTER**

If you meet someone with NF, please remember:

- **NF is not contagious.** It is a genetic condition and anyone can be born with it.
- NF tumors can be painful. Please use caution and care.
- **NF may not be visible.** Sometimes, you can see tumors caused by NF, and sometimes you cannot.
- **NF may need special medical care,** such as frequent doctor visits, tests, medications, and surgeries.
- Individuals with NF may need special accommodations. Don't be afraid to ask!

Learn more at **ctf.org** 

## **ABOUT THE CHILDREN'S TUMOR FOUNDATION**

The Children's Tumor Foundation (CTF) is the world's leading nonprofit dedicated to funding and driving innovative research that will result in effective treatments for the millions of people worldwide who live with NF.

**Our Mission:** Drive research, expand knowledge, and advance care for the NF community.

Our Vision: End NF.



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