SMA AT A GLANCE

Make today a breakthrough.



Spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) is a disease that robs people of physical strength by affecting the motor nerve cells in the spinal cord, taking away the ability to walk, eat, or breathe. Historically, it has been the number one genetic cause of death for infants. SMA affects approximately 1 in 11,000 babies, and about 1 in every 50 Americans is a genetic carrier. SMA can affect any race or gender. But there's great reason for hope. We now have multiple approved treatments that target the underlying genetics of SMA, with more treatments on the horizon. We know what we need to do to develop and deliver effective therapies. And we're on the verge of further breakthroughs that will continue to change the course of SMA for everyone-from infants to adults to families.

RESEARCH



Since 1984, Cure SMA has led and invested in the research that has made today's breakthroughs possible. With deep connections and expertise in both the patient and research

communities, we're uniquely positioned to direct funds to where they can make the greatest difference as quickly as possible.

We have invested more than \$82 million in research and have funded half of the new drug programs for SMA, including all FDA-approved treatments for the disease.

We now have multiple FDA-approved therapies for SMA, and many more research programs ongoing.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND CARE



No matter your connection, we're committed to being an irreplaceable resource for anyone facing an SMA diagnosis and we seek to improve the quality of life for everyone with SMA so they can live active, engaged, and hopeful lives.

Each year, we send out approx. 4,000 information packets, newly diagnosed and teen/adult care packages, and much-needed equipment. We also support medical professionals through CME and our Care Series Booklets.

Because of FDA-approved treatments and successful initiatives, such as the Cure SMA Care Center Network and SMA Clinical Data Registry, we have made significant progress enhancing the lives of people with SMA.

CONFERENCE AND COMMUNITY



Our Annual SMA Conference brings together researchers and healthcare professionals, as well as individuals with SMA and their families, to network, learn, and collaborate.

The conference is the largest in the world focused specifically on SMA, and it attracts the top scientists and companies in the field.

Today, we have more than 170,000 members and supporters, with 36 volunteer chapters throughout the country. We host over 300 fundraising and awareness events annually.