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Congenital Muscular Dystrophy (CMD)

CMD is a group of ultra-rare genetic disorders defined by muscle weakness at or soon after birth. Mutations in one of more than 30 genes cause muscle tissue to break down faster than the body 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 every day activities
- Scoliosis and other spine malformations inhibiting breathing function
- Feeding difficulties which can often lead to a "failure to thrive" or feeding tube placement
- Breathing insufficiency causing frequent respiratory infections, hospitalization, and the need for mechanical ventilation
- Potential for life threatening seizures and involvement of cardiac abnormalities

Cure CMD is a non-profit organization supported by an engaged patient community eager for treatment. <u>There are currently no FDA approved treatments or cure for Congenital Muscular Dystrophy.</u>

TOGETHER WE STRIVE TO:

- Improve access accommodations for all forms of travel & public transit.
- Increase access to PreK-12 & post-secondary education support systems.
- Advance employment for those affected by CMD
  - Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI).
  - End subminimum wage practices.
  - Provide incentives for businesses to hire people with disabilities.
- Ensure timely approval of & access to medical care & equipment by public & private insurance.
- Reinforce CMD research through National Institute of Health (NIH) funding.
- Support programs & incentives that encourage development of treatments for CMD & other rare diseases.