

# CHASE THE SIGNS

Keep an eye on the symptoms of MPS.

The Mucopolysaccharidosis (MPS) diseases are rare genetic disorders present from birth, but newborns may show no symptoms of the disease. The symptoms of MPS diseases often appear in early childhood and worsen over time, leading to possible organ failure and reduced life expectancy. Diagnosis of MPS diseases is often delayed because there is no specific checklist of MPS symptoms to go by – instead, the symptoms and severity of the MPSs are variable and can differ from patient to patient, and the MPS diseases cause a wide range of symptoms that may affect many different parts of the body, including the airways, ears, hernia, facial features, skeleton and joints, eyes, liver, heart and, in some cases, the brain. With the symptoms of a disease, such as MPS, being so broad, many families find themselves chasing the signs of MPS in order to achieve a diagnosis. It is often the combination of MPS symptoms which signals to a diagnosis of an MPS disease.

By raising awareness of the possible combinations of symptoms of MPS diseases, we can help parents and doctors #ChaseTheSigns of MPS underlying the symptoms seen, to arrive at a diagnosis as early as possible and to provide support to those affected.

Thinking about it as a race between diagnosis and symptom progression – you don't want the diagnosis to lag far behind the symptoms, so you have to Chase the Signs.

**MAY 15TH IS MPS AWARENESS DAY!**  
Now is the time to #ChaseTheSigns of MPS!  
Join us in raising #MPSAwareness!

