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Welcome! Focus on Cystic Fibrosis

Cystic fibrosis affects the internal organs, especially the lungs and digestive system. It causes them to become clogged with thick, sticky mucus. It is caused by a faulty gene that controls the movement of salt and water in and out of cells in the body. When cystic fibrosis occurs, too much salt and not enough water pass into the cells and turn the body's secretions, which normally act as a lubricant, into a thick mucus. This mucus clogs up many of the body's tubes, ducts and passageways so they cannot work properly. In the lungs, this leads to frequent and severe infections. <https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/az/c/cystic-fibrosis/>

Cystic fibrosis or CF, is an inherited disease. "Inherited" means the disease is passed from parents to children through genes. People who have CF inherit two faulty genes for the disease—one from each parent. The parents likely don't have the disease themselves. CF mainly affects the lungs, pancreas, liver, intestines, sinuses, and sex organs.

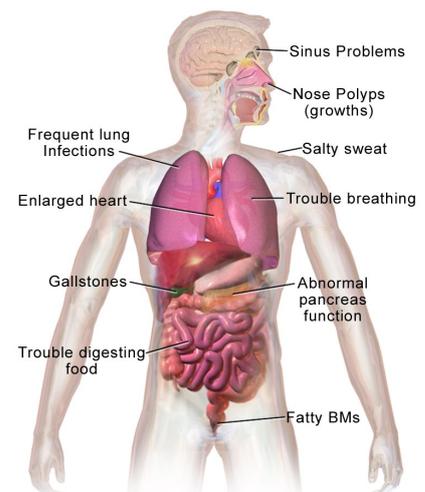


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[US National Heart, Blood and Lung Institute](#)

There are over 1100 people registered as having cystic fibrosis in Ireland.

[Health Service Executive](#)

Ireland has the highest rate of cystic fibrosis worldwide, according to [a study in 2014](#) by Donatello Salvatore et al, which examined international literature from cystic fibrosis registries.

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"DWTS judge Julian shares his defiant cystic fibrosis story". 25 March 2018. <https://www.rte.ie/entertainment/2018/0324/949797-dwts-judge-julian-shares-his-cystic-fibrosis-story/>

"Why Orkambi may not be a 'miracle' drug, but is worth it". Philip Watt, CEO Cystic Fibrosis Ireland. 10 June 2018. <https://www.rte.ie/eile/2018/0531/967374-why-orkambi-may-not-be-a-miracle-drug-but-is-worth-it/>

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HELPFUL WEBSITES

Cystic Fibrosis Ireland <https://www.cfireland.ie/>

Health Service Executive <https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/az/c/cystic-fibrosis/>

NHS UK <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/cystic-fibrosis/>

Cystic Fibrosis Trust (UK) <https://cms.cysticfibrosis.org.uk/the-work-we-do/about-us>

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (US) <https://www.cff.org/About-Us/>

Cystic Fibrosis Registry of Ireland <https://www.cfri.ie/>

RESEARCH WEBSITES

European Cystic Fibrosis Society (EU) <https://www.ecfs.eu/society-details/about>

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases <https://www.niddk.nih.gov/research-funding/research-programs/cystic-fibrosis-research-translation-centers>

National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (US) <https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/>

National Children's Research Centre <https://www.nationalchildrensresearchcentre.ie/research-innovation/research-areas/immunity-infection/cystic-fibrosis/>



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McKone, E. F., et al. (2014). Long-term safety and efficacy of ivacaftor in patients with cystic fibrosis who have the gly551asp-cftr mutation: A phase 3, open-label extension study (persist). *Lancet Respiratory Medicine*, 2(11), 902-910. [doi:10.1016/s2213-2600\(14\)70218-8](https://doi.org/10.1016/s2213-2600(14)70218-8)

Twitter accounts



[@cf_ireland](https://twitter.com/cf_ireland)



[@cftrust](https://twitter.com/cftrust)



[@CF_Foundation](https://twitter.com/CF_Foundation)



[@KnowCF](https://twitter.com/KnowCF)

SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS

In the US and UK, average life expectancy is 35 to 40 years old.

[Cystic Fibrosis Worldwide](#)

An individual must inherit two defective cystic fibrosis genes, one from each parent, to have the disease. Each time two carriers of the disease conceive, there is a 25 percent chance of passing cystic fibrosis to their children ; a 50 percent chance that the child will be a carrier of the cystic fibrosis gene; and a 25 percent chance that the child will be a non-carrier.

[World Health Organization](#)

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VIDEOS

What is cystic fibrosis, exactly? Cystic Fibrosis Trust. <https://youtu.be/4IGz5p4n8Fg>

Useful tips to help with your CF treatment plan. University Hospital Limerick Cystic Fibrosis Centre. <https://youtu.be/JhJcBTcKOxA>

What Causes Cystic Fibrosis? - Marlyn Woo, MD | UCLAMDCHAT Webinars. https://youtu.be/C_PJdZqXyck

Preschool and Toddler Cystic Fibrosis Exercises. Cincinnati Children's Hospital. <https://youtu.be/EUK9zfNhcvw>

Living with CF // Exercise. CF Association Ireland. <https://youtu.be/JeUR52nNwms>



UPCOMING EVENTS

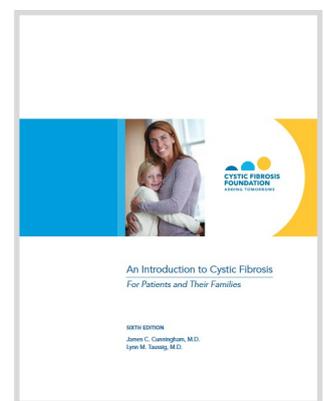
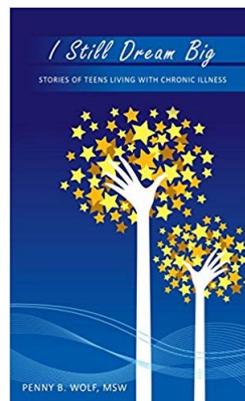
05 December 2018. [AWARE for All - Dublin: Clinical Research Education Day](#) - a FREE educational event that serves as a forum for open dialogue between patients, members of the public, and health and research professionals. AWARE for All will provide information about the clinical research process and activity here in Dublin, as well as food, prizes, and free health screenings. Full details on <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aware-for-all-dublin-2018-registration-44204148799?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Books

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