

**PATIENT SUPPORT GROUPS
GASTROENTEROLOGY AND RARE DISEASE
UNITED STATES AND CANADA**

Alagille Syndrome Alliance

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The Alagille Syndrome Alliance is a not-for-profit organization that's mission is to be the main networking resource and source of information for people with Alagille Syndrome (AGS), their families, friends, and health care providers. The Alliance is also dedicated to increasing public awareness of AGS and supporting research efforts on behalf of the AGS community. The Alliance is supporting AGS families, celebrating the AGS community, and building a better life with AGS through education, collaboration, and research.

Alpha-1 Association

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The Alpha-1 Association is a member-based nonprofit organization dedicated to identifying those affected by Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1), improving the quality of their lives through support, education, and advocacy, and encouraging participation in research.

Alphanet

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Alphanet, a not-for-profit disease management company, provides a wide range of support services to Bayer Direct subscribers, oversees clinical trials involving Alpha-1 therapies, and is developing a comprehensive disease management program to improve the quality of life for those affected by Alpha-1. Since its start in 1995, Alphanet has contributed over \$4 million to support Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency and Alpha-1 Community programs.

Alpha-1 Foundation

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The Alpha-1 Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation founded in 1995 that is dedicated to providing the leadership and resources that will result in increased research, improved health, worldwide detection, and a cure for Alpha-1. The majority of the Board of Directors has either been diagnosed with Alpha-1 or has a family member diagnosed with Alpha-1.

American Hemochromatosis Society

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The mission of the American Hemochromatosis Society (AHS) is to educate and support the victims of HFE-associated hereditary hemochromatosis (genetic iron overload) and their families as well as educate the medical community on the latest research on Hereditary Hemochromatosis (HH). AHS' aim is to identify through genetic testing, the 43 million+ Americans who unknowingly carry the single or double gene mutations for HH which puts them at risk for loading excess iron.

American Liver Foundation

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Web: www.liverfoundation.org

The mission of the American Liver Foundation is to facilitate, advocate and promote education, support and research for the prevention, treatment and cure of liver disease. The ALF is a national, voluntary not-for-profit organization. It has been dedicated to the prevention, treatment, and cure of hepatitis and other liver diseases through research, education and advocacy since 1976.

Association of Gastrointestinal Motility Disorders, Inc. (AGMD)

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AGMD is a non-profit international organization which serves as an integral educational resource concerning digestive motility diseases and disorders. It also functions as an important information base for members of the medical and scientific communities. In addition, AGMD provides a forum for patients suffering from digestive motility diseases and disorders as well as their families and members of the medical and scientific communities.

Association for Glycogen Storage Disease - AGSD

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Web: www.agsdus.org

The Association for Glycogen Storage Disease (AGSD) is a nonprofit support group, established in 1979, for families and persons affected by glycogen storage disease (GSD). AGSD was organized to promote and protect the interests of all persons affected by GSD; to coordinate scientific, educational, and charitable activities related to GSD; to act as a clearinghouse on GSD-related matters; and to publish and distribute material to doctors and other interested persons. AGSD holds a yearly conference focusing on the latest research, care, and treatments available to affected persons.

ARPKD/CHF Alliance (Autosomal Recessive Polycystic Kidney Disease/Congenital Hepatic Fibrosis)

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Patient population needs guide the ARPKD/CHF Alliance's direction. Their mission is to educate, advocate, support and advance research specific to ARPKD/CHF. Their purpose is to improve the lives of those affected.

Canadian Liver Foundation

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Founded in 1969 by a group of doctors and business leaders concerned about the increasing incidence of liver disease, the Canadian Liver Foundation (CLF) was the first organization in the world devoted to providing support for research and education into the causes, diagnoses, prevention and treatment of all liver disease. The CLF's mandate is to promote liver health and to reduce the incidence and impact of all liver disease. To achieve this goal, the CLF works through its volunteer chapters across Canada to improve public awareness and understanding of liver health and liver disease, raise funds for research and reach out to liver disease patients and their families.

Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

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Canada
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For 50 years, the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has been a strong voice and champion for people with cystic fibrosis, their caregivers, and families. They build awareness and advocate for change, work with governments to provide essential programs to enhance the quality of life for people with CF, partner with community groups to improve access to support services, and help create policy, effect change, raise funds and promote CF research.

Children's Liver Association for Support Services (C.L.A.S.S.)

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C.L.A.S.S. was founded out of the recognized need for an organization dedicated to addressing the emotional, educational and financial needs of families with children affected by liver disease and transplantation. C.L.A.S.S. offers a variety of ways to be both a source of support to families and a valuable resource to all affected by liver disease and transplantation.

Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America

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New York, NY 10016
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Web: www.ccfa.org

The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America is a non-profit, volunteer-driven organization dedicated to finding the cure for Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. Founded in 1967, the Foundation funds cutting-edge studies at major medical institutions, nurtures investigators at the early stages of their careers, and finances underdeveloped areas of research. Educational workshops and symposia, together with the scientific journal, *Inflammatory Bowel Diseases*, enable medical professionals to keep pace with this rapidly growing field.

Crigler-Najjar Syndrome Association

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The Crigler-Najjar Association was established as a support group for and by patients and families with Crigler-Najjar Syndrome (Types I and II). Anyone is welcome to participate and assist in the activities of the association.

Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada

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The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada (CCFC) is a national not-for-profit voluntary medical research Foundation. Its mission is to find the cure for inflammatory bowel disease. To achieve its mission, the Foundation is committed to raising increasing funds for medical research. The CCFC is one of the world's leaders in non-governmental, per capita funding of IBD research.

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

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Web: www.cff.org

The mission of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, a nonprofit donor-supported organization, is to assure the development of the means to cure and control cystic fibrosis and to improve the quality of life for those with the disease. The CF Foundation is the leading organization in the United States devoted to cystic fibrosis. It funds and accredits more than 115 CF care centers, 95 adult care programs and 50 affiliate programs, and more than 75 chapters and branch offices nationwide.

Genetic Alliance

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Genetic Alliance is the world's leading nonprofit health advocacy organization committed to transforming health through genetics and promoting an environment of openness centered on the health of individuals, families, and communities. Genetic Alliance's network includes more than 1,000 disease-specific advocacy organizations, as well as thousands of universities, private companies, government agencies, and public policy organizations. The network is a dynamic and growing open space for shared resources, creative tools, and innovative programs.

The Hemochromatosis Information Center

See Iron Disorders Institute

Hepatitis Foundation International

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Silver Spring, MD 20904
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Web: www.hepfi.org

The Hepatitis Foundation International (HFI) is dedicated to the eradication of viral hepatitis, a disease affecting over 500 million people around the world. The HFI seeks to raise awareness of this enormous worldwide problem and to motivate people to support this important – and winnable – battle.

Hepatitis B Foundation

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Web: www.hepb.org

The Hepatitis B Foundation is the only national non-profit organization solely dedicated to the global problem of hepatitis B. The Hepatitis B Foundation is dedicated to finding a cure and improving the quality of life for those affected by hepatitis B worldwide. The Foundation's commitment includes funding focused research, promoting disease awareness, supporting immunization and treatment initiatives, and serving as the primary source of information for patients and their families, the medical and scientific community, and the general public.

Iron Disorders Institute

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Taylors, SC 29687
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Web: www.irondisorders.org

Iron Disorders Institute (IDI) is a 501(c)3 national organization that received its non-profit status in 1998. IDI's vision is that no one should suffer or die prematurely because of Iron-Out-of-Balance™. IDI exists so that people with iron disorders receive early, accurate (complete) diagnosis, appropriate treatment and are equipped to live in good health.

Iron Overload Diseases Association, Inc.

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West Palm Beach, FL 33405
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The IOD's mission is to lead the search for the millions of Americans and other nationals who have undiagnosed iron overload; to promote adequate treatment and to prevent the severe health problems and avoidable deaths that results from neglect of iron overload.

Liver Families

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Laguna Niguel, CA 92677
Web: www.liverfamilies.net

Liver Families is dedicated to providing an active, international, online community to families whose lives have been touched by pediatric liver disease and transplant. Through this community Liver Families seeks to offer support, knowledge and hope to liver families around the world.

National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)

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Web: www.rarediseases.org

NORD is a unique federation of voluntary health organizations dedicated to helping people with rare "orphan" diseases and assisting the organizations that serve them. NORD is committed to the identification, treatment, and cure of rare disorders through programs of education, advocacy, research, and service.

National Reye's Syndrome Foundation

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Bryan, OH 43506
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Email: nrsf@reyessyndrome.org
Web: www.reyessyndrome.org

The National Reye's Syndrome Foundation is a 501(c)3 charity is the only citizen group generating a concerted, organized lay movement to eradicate Reye's Syndrome. The Foundation is committed to the health and well-being of those who are most at risk; children. The Foundation has made great gains toward our ultimate goal of eradicating Reye's Syndrome. Their public awareness programs have resulted in a decrease in the number of cases reported in recent years. It is hoped that research will bring the Foundation closer to its goal.

National Urea Cycle Disorders Foundation

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The National Urea Cycle Disorders Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to the identification, treatment and cure of urea cycle disorders. NUCDF is a nationally-recognized resource of information and education for families and healthcare professionals.

Office of Rare Diseases Research (ORD) – at the National Institutes of Health (NIH)

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The Office of Rare Diseases Research (ORDR) was established in 1993 within the Office of the Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). ORDR coordinates and supports rare diseases research, responds to research opportunities for rare diseases, and provides information on rare diseases. Public Law 107-280, the Rare Diseases Act of 2002, established the ORDR by statute. The goals of ORDR are to stimulate and coordinate research on rare diseases and to support research to respond to the needs of patients who have any one of the more than 6,800 rare diseases known today.

Parents of Galactosemic Children, Inc.

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Mandeville, LA 70470-2401
Web: www.galactosemia.org

Parents of Galactosemic Children, Inc is a non-profit charitable organization. Founded in February 1985 by a small group of mothers in New York, PGC realizes the need for further information and networking between affected families and professionals. Metabolic Clinics across the nation continue to assist PGC in researching families and information. Today the PGC mailing list includes over 1000 families and extended families, professionals and clinics, media groups, donors, and numerous international contacts.

PKD (Polycystic Kidney Disease) Foundation

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Kansas City, MO 64114-2000
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Email: pkdcure@pkdcure.org
Web: www.pkdcure.org

The PKD Foundation is the only organization worldwide dedicated to fighting PKD through research, education, advocacy, support and awareness. The Foundation's goal is simple - to discover and deliver treatments and a cure for PKD.

PKIDS (Parents of Kids with Infectious Diseases)

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Web: www.pkids.org

PKIDS' mission is to educate the public about infectious diseases, the methods of prevention and transmission, the latest advances in medicine, and the elimination of social stigma borne by the infected; and to assist the families of the children living with hepatitis, HIV/AIDS, or other chronic, viral infectious diseases with emotional, financial and informational support."

Progressive Familial Intrahepatic Cholestasis (PFIC) – Resource for Pediatric Liver Disease

Email: PFICII@pfic.org
Web: www.pfic.org

PFIC.org is a website that was built by and for PFIC patients and families. It was established to provide a resource for those with new diagnoses and for those continuing to search for treatments and solutions to the challenges of PFIC. The mission of PFIC.org is to improve the lives of patients and families worldwide affected by this disease. The organization supports research programs, provides educational materials, matches families for peer support, and participates in advocacy opportunities.

PSC Partners Seeking a Cure Foundation

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Web: www.pscpartners.org

PSC Partners Seeking a Cure is a grassroots volunteer organization that was formed in 2005 to provide primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC) patients and their caregivers education and support and to raise funds to research the origins and a cure for the disease.

United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation

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The UMDF's mission is to promote research and education for the diagnosis, treatment and cure of mitochondrial disorders and to provide support to affected individuals and families. UMDF supports scientific collaboration and family networking through international symposia and is building an endowment to sustain research through the millennium.

Wilson's Disease Association

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The Wilson Disease Association is dedicated to providing the leadership and resources that will result in increased research, improved health, worldwide detection, and a cure for Wilson disease. WDA's website is designed to give patients, family members, and healthcare professionals the most up-to-date information on treatment, legislation, support groups, research, fundraising, and patient stories.

YES

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YES's mission is to provide information, education, support, options, and hope for those affected by liver tumors. YES is committed to raising awareness to this often forgotten patient population.