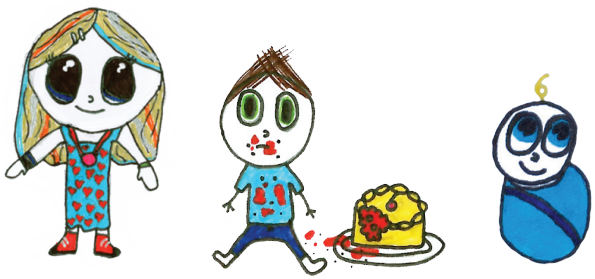


Kawasaki Disease is predominantly a childhood illness though it can affect people of any age. Its cause is unknown. **Kawasaki Disease is the leading cause of acquired heart disease in children**. Awareness of Kawasaki Disease is currently low and it is often mistaken for other common childhood illnesses, leading to misdiagnosis and delayed treatment. Children who go untreated or who are treated later face higher risks of developing complications including life long heart damage.

Early diagnosis and treatment are key to better outcomes

...for our children

Kawasaki Disease?

Remember TEMPERS

Children with **Kawasaki Disease** *are characteristically irritable!*

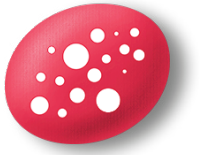
T Temperature - **Persistent high fever**

E Erythema - reddened hands and feet with swelling

M Mouth - dry, sore mouth, cracked lips, 'strawberry tongue'

P Pace - **Treat early** to reduce potential heart damage

E Eyes - bloodshot, non-sticky conjunctivitis



R Rash

S Swollen glands in neck, often just one side

If a child has a **PERSISTENT FEVER** *and two or more of these symptoms* **THINK KAWASAKI DISEASE!**

5 days of fever?

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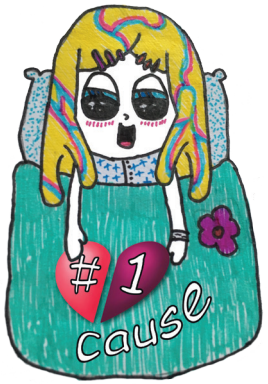

...help us change this.

Kawasaki Disease - who does it affect?
It is mostly a childhood illness with over 75% of those affected being under 5 years old - but it does affect older children too and can affect people of any age.

Kawasaki Disease - what's the issue?
In the U.K. awareness of Kawasaki Disease is low. If treated late or untreated, affected children have a significantly increased chance of heart damage. Currently U.K. diagnosis and treatment times are too slow. 28% of diagnosed children experience heart complications. 24% of children diagnosed have coronary artery aneurysms. For a few children every year Kawasaki Disease is fatal ...help us change this. Early diagnosis and treatment is key to improving outcomes for our children.

Kawasaki Disease - how common is it?
U.K. hospital admissions for Kawasaki Disease have increased fourfold in the last ten years. It's more common than some forms of bacterial meningitis. About 1 in 10,000 children are currently diagnosed each year and very poor levels of awareness mean even more children may be affected.

Kawasaki Disease - what can I do?
Know the symptoms and remember, symptoms may not appear all at once. Not all children present with all symptoms so - If a child has a **PERSISTENT FEVER** for 5 DAYS or more with 2 or more of the symptoms overleaf THINK Kawasaki Disease and seek URGENT paediatric review. **You** could save a child's heart.

Kawasaki Disease - why haven't I heard about this before?
Kawasaki Disease is increasingly common in the U.K, globally cases are rising fast - but it remains little known by doctors and the general public alike. We want to change this! Too many children and young people today have heart damage because of Kawasaki Disease. The consequences of this can be very serious and can be life long

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