



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!



Temperature - **Persistent high fever**



Erythema - reddened hands and feet with swelling



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



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



Eyes - bloodshot, non-sticky conjunctivitis



Rash



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?
THINK Kawasaki Disease



Kawasaki Disease is the **#1** cause of acquired heart disease in children in the UK...



...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 affects older children too.

Kawasaki Disease - what's the issue?

In the UK awareness of Kawasaki Disease is low. **Currently UK diagnosis and treatment times are too slow. 39%** of babies (under one year) treated for Kawasaki Disease develop serious heart problems. **28%** of diagnosed children experience heart complications. Overall, **19%** of children treated develop serious heart damage. For a few children every year Kawasaki Disease is fatal *...help us change this.* We need everyone to know Kawasaki Disease as early diagnosis and treatment can prevent heart damage. (Data from BPSU Study, Kawasaki Disease UK & Ireland 2013-2015)

Kawasaki Disease - how common is it?

Hospital admissions in England for Kawasaki Disease have increased fourfold in the last ten years. It's more common than some types of meningitis. About 1 in 10,000 children are currently diagnosed each year and very poor levels of awareness mean many 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 medical advice.** **You** could save a child's heart.

Kawasaki Disease is serious! Awareness is urgent!

Today, most people haven't heard of Kawasaki Disease. That's one of the biggest challenges we face. Help us get it known because **Kawasaki Disease is increasingly common in the UK.** Too many children and young people today have lifetime heart damage because of Kawasaki Disease *...help us change this.* For more information visit societi.org.uk