

## Have you heard of KAWASAKI DISEASE?

Probably not! And you'd be in the majority! But **it's the leading cause of acquired heart disease in U.K. children** and it's a disease which is on the rise here in the UK – with hundreds of children affected every year.

The U.K. Foundation for Kawasaki Disease – Societi Foundation is a registered charity. Our aims are to raise awareness of Kawasaki Disease throughout the U.K. so that it can be recognised early and quickly treated. No-one knows what causes Kawasaki Disease but if treated early, children have a much better chance of a good recovery. Research conducted here in the U.K. showed that children treated later – at an average of ten days after becoming unwell, have a much-increased risk of lifelong heart damage.

### What's the problem?

Kawasaki Disease has lots of symptoms which lots of other childhood diseases have. It's often mistaken for a virus or other infection. But the consequences of Kawasaki Disease are **SERIOUS** and it needs to be treated **URGENTLY**. It's also been described too often by some doctors as being 'very rare' – so it is often thought of only as a last resort for a very sick child, and only when many other diagnoses have been considered. By then, often, heart damage has occurred.

### What can I do?

We are working hard to raise awareness of Kawasaki Disease so that children affected can have the best possible chance of prompt diagnosis and a speedy recovery. If you want to know more about our work, donate to support us or help us as a UK wide charity, working to protect children's hearts, you'll find out much more on our website at [www.societi.org.uk](http://www.societi.org.uk)

## 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



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

**5 days of fever?**  
**THINK Kawasaki Disease**



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