

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

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



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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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