

# THINK Kawasaki Disease



**Kawasaki Disease** is the leading cause of acquired heart disease in children in the UK. It's time we changed that...

...Together we will

## Kawasaki Disease Symptoms:



Persistent fever



Swollen glands



Swollen fingers/toes



Bloodshot eyes



Cracked lips/  
'strawberry' tongue



Rash

Kawasaki Disease is **increasingly common** in the UK

If a child has a **persistent high fever** for 5 days or more, with TWO or more of these symptoms please **THINK Kawasaki Disease**

**Kawasaki Disease** can be present with some or all of these symptoms

Please **EXPECT** to see it, be **READY** to treat it!

## EARLY TREATMENT IS KEY ...PLEASE DON'T DELAY

Children diagnosed and treated in **less than 7 days** from onset of fever have a much reduced risk of life long heart damage

**Kawasaki Disease** is predominantly a childhood illness. Its cause is unknown. **Kawasaki Disease is the leading cause of acquired heart disease in children.** It is often mistaken for other common childhood illnesses, leading to delayed treatment. Children who go untreated or who are treated later face significantly higher risks of developing serious complications including life long heart damage. Babies under one year are at greatest risk of serious heart damage **Early diagnosis and treatment is critical.**

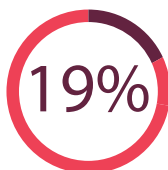
### Current UK & Ireland Outcomes for Kawasaki Disease



The current average diagnosis time for Kawasaki Disease is 7.8 days  
**This is too slow!**



39% of babies with Kawasaki Disease develop coronary artery aneurysms  
**This is too high!**



19% of children overall develop coronary artery aneurysms  
**This is too high!**



28% of children overall have some heart damage  
**This is too high!**

**TOGETHER WE CAN CHANGE THIS!**

Poster data from Tulloh et al, Kawasaki Disease: a prospective population survey UK & Ireland 2013-15