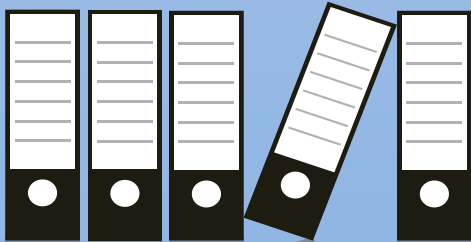


GET INVOLVED VOLUNTEER



Introduction

Despite the misery it causes, Histiocytosis is too rare a disease to have generated substantial research in medical circles. Unfortunately, for every child or adult fighting for his or her life, the pain and suffering are just as severe for children and adults afflicted with other better known disorders receiving funding.

For the children and adults battling these illnesses, there is now reason to hope. To ensure the research continues, we ask for your help, to complete the funding puzzle.

Our awareness and research programmes provide a beacon of hope for the many children and adults battling Histiocytosis, to ensure this research continues we ask you to pledge your support.

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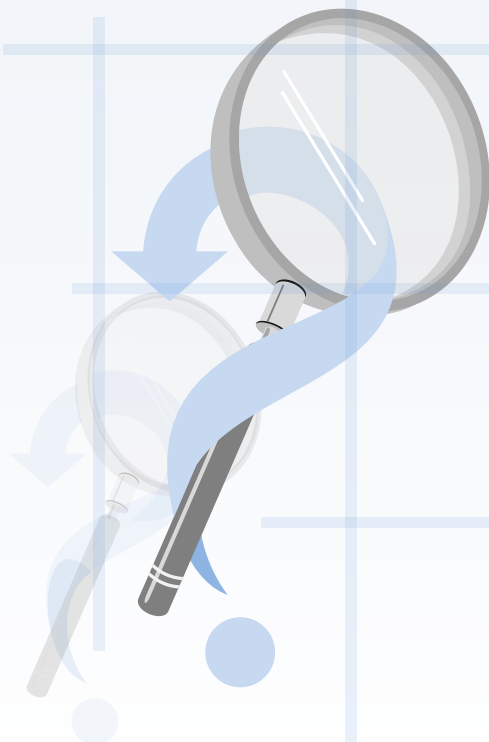
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WHAT IS HISTIOCYTOSIS

What is Histiocytosis?

Histiocytosis is an umbrella term applied to a group of rare diseases, characterised by increased numbers of white blood cells called histiocytes in the blood and tissues. In all forms of histiocytosis, these cells, which are part of the protective immune system, begin to attack the body, targeting many organs of the body including the bone marrow, liver, spleen, lungs, skin, bone and brain.

The prognosis for patients varies greatly depending on the form of histiocytosis.

Please be advised that all the information you read in this document is not a replacement for the advice you will get from your consultant and their team.

Who we are?

Histiocytosis UK is a registered charity dedicated to promoting and funding scientific research into uncovering not only the causes of all histiocytic diseases, which include Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis and Haemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis, but also ensuring early diagnosis, effective treatment and a cure.

The Charity aims to support patients and their families by means of information and awareness as well as raise public and professional awareness of histiocytic disorders. Its team of Trustees include the UK's leading paediatric LCH and HLH specialists.

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VOLUNTEER

Why Volunteer?

Why volunteer for Histo UK?

For many, volunteering with Histo UK is a chance to do something positive to help support children, young people and adults with histiocytosis, and their families.

Volunteers enable us to do so much through raising vital funds, providing additional services and offering their own skills and expertise.

Volunteering is also a great opportunity to gain new skills, meet new people and experience working in the third sector

Supporting our volunteers

Histo UK offers an excellent volunteering experience.

Our volunteers work closely with our teams in friendly, welcoming environments and are offered high quality support, as well as training and resources relevant to their role.

This ensures our volunteers are able to benefit from the time they give, whilst helping to support children, young people and adults with histiocytosis, and their families.

Find out more

Some examples of volunteering opportunities are listed, to find out more please download and complete the [Volunteer Vacancy Form](#) and return to Histo@HistoUK.org.

The CHARITY is really quite small and operates a virtual office some of the volunteer activities you may like to consider are:

Volunteer Community Awareness for the region. (Helping with activities such as Awareness Day, Informing Schools GPS ETC)

Volunteer Community Befriender for the region (if you are happy to talk with parents and patients newly diagnosed or just offer an ear)



Volunteer in fundraising

Volunteers get involved in every aspect of our fundraising. From helping at one of our fundraising events, to research, marketing and awareness. There are endless ways to get involved and make a difference.

Volunteer photographers

Want to use your photographic and video skills to support our vital work. Sign up to join our bank of photographers and volunteer at times that suit you. Email Histio@histiouk.org

Volunteer in services

Occasionally we need volunteers to befriend patients and their families through telephone or email

Volunteer Community Awareness

Regional (Helping with activities such as Awareness Day, Informing Schools GPS ETC)

Volunteer Support Services

Mapping (making enquires of all NHS Trusts, agencies, hospices, Macmillan, Clic Sargent etc. as to support provided).

Volunteer Histio Champions

Regional representatives at Major Events and Hospital Clinics



VOLUNTEERING APPLICATION FORM

Please complete the information below, which will be treated with confidence **Personal details**

Name	
Address Postcode	
Email	
Phone	
Mobile	
Age	
Gender	
Ethnicity	
Disability	
Access needs, e.g. induction loop, wheelchair access	

Volunteer role

Role applied for (if any)	
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<p>Please list up to five skills, knowledge or abilities you would like bring to our organisation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • • •
<p>Tell us how many hours you would like to give</p>	
<p>Which days and evening are you available</p>	
<p>Name and contact details of two people, who have known you two years, who will provide a reference</p>	<p><i>If relevant your current, or recent employer, should be one.</i></p> <p><i>If you are unsure who to choose, please still apply and discuss this with us at interview</i></p>
<p>a) How did you find out about us?</p>	<p>b)</p>

If you have any difficulty completing this form, please phone us on 07850 740241 or email Histio@HistioUK.org.

