HYPERINSULINISM

Hyperinsulinism: the overproduction of the hormone insulin and the main cause of persistent and severe hypoglycaemia (low blood sugars) in babies and infants. Left undetected and without immediate medical treatment, children are at risk of neurological consequences, seizures and possible coma or death.

Hyperinsulinism with clinical signs is a medical emergency and must be treated urgently.

Signs and Symptoms Include:

Lethargy
Poor Feeding
Excess hunger / thirst
Seizures
Jitteriness
Floppy / Poor body tone
Irritable / Restless
Apnoea
Weak/ High Pitched cry
Pale / Bluish colour to skin

UK SPECIALIST HYPERINSULINISM CENTRES

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UK Registered Charity: 1165562

Children's HYPERINSULINISM Charity

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ABOUT US

Our Charity was established in February 2016 by 5 passionate parents who wanted to make a difference to the way support was available to other families living with Congenital Hyperinsulinism. We wanted to be able to raise more awareness and give support back to the CHI community, which we ourselves received throughout our children's journey's from diagnosis.

Hyperinsulinism is a rare medical condition affecting approximately 1:40,000 births. It can present differently for every child making the detection difficult. Once diagnosed, it is a constant condition with children living their lives full of medical and feeding regimes as well as numerous hospital admissions and further testing.

WHAT WE DO

Support Group : First and foremost our families are at the heart of the Charity. We operate by listening to them, asking questions and understanding what it means to them to have support and how we can make a difference. Our support group has been running for over 7 years and has grown in members both nationally and internationally.

Family Conferences: Our family conferences give families a chance to come together, learn from CHI medical experts, socialise and to give them the wonderful chance to form life-long friendships.

Teacher Training Events: Our Teaching Training Days have been set up to ensure that schools have the basic fundamental knowledge as to how to care for their pupils with Hyperinsulinism whilst in school, taking in to consideration neurological implications, dietary needs and their mental wellbeing.

Social Events : Every year we like to host a social event to ensure that our families get together for some much needed fun away from the confines of medical regimes and hospitalisations.

Research: We work with world-class medical professionals here in the UK to understand more about Hyperinsulinism, its neurological and psychological impact, as well as learning about the latest medical interventions, dietetics and helping fund research.