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To Find A Cure For SMA*

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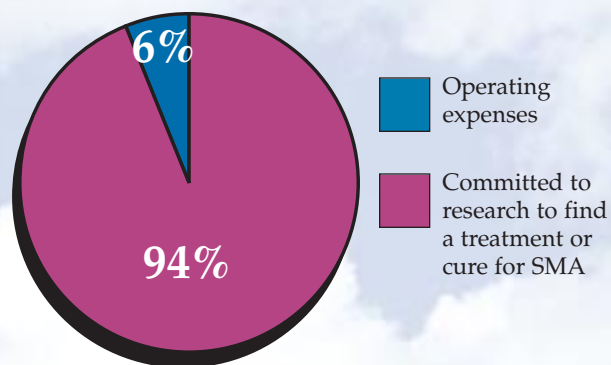
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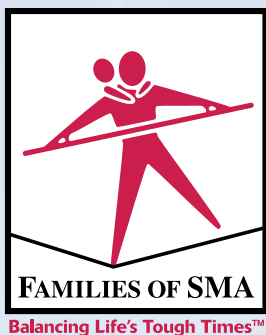
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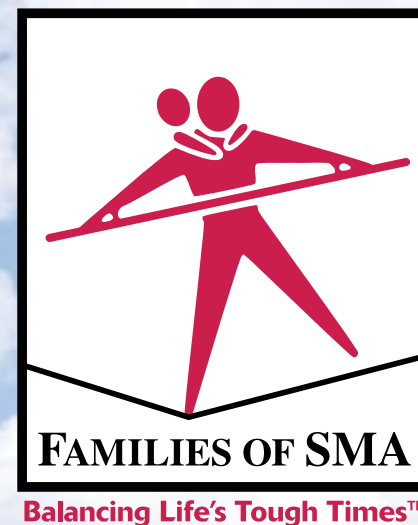
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Who is Families of SMA Canada?

Mission

Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy Canada (FSMAC) is a registered charity dedicated solely to:



- Eradicating SMA by promoting and supporting research for a treatment or cure.
- Helping families cope with SMA through international programs and support.
- Educating the public and professional community about SMA.

Our Board of Trustees includes parents from British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, and Quebec.

Research

FSMAC funds research needed to find a treatment and a cure for SMA. FSMAC also provides families with information on clinical trials and genetic investigators.

Family Support

FSMAC is national organization that provides a networking program that links families together for mutual support. Our membership includes families from across the country. FSMAC is strongly affiliated with FSMA (US) which has 22 chapters across the US and 6 international affiliates worldwide. FSMAC is also a part of the International Alliance for SMA, which includes organizations from the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Germany, France, Italy, Spain and Hong Kong.



Families of SMA (US)

- Founded in 1984 by a group of concerned parents.
- FSMA is a volunteer driven organization that has raised over \$20 million towards SMA research and has committed another \$15 million over the next 3 years.
- FSMA sponsors the International Spinal Muscular Atrophy Research Group Meeting for scientists and clinicians to gather and exchange research findings and ideas.

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Facts about Spinal Muscular Atrophy

Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA), the number one genetic killer of children under the age of two, is a group of inherited and sometimes fatal diseases that destroy the nerves, controlling voluntary movement, which affects crawling, walking, head and neck control, and even swallowing.

- More than 21,000 children worldwide are born with SMA each year.
- One in 6,000 babies is born with SMA, 50% of those diagnosed before the age of 2 will die before their second birthday.
- SMA can strike anyone of any age, race or gender.
- One in 40 people carry the SMA gene.
- It is estimated that 13,000 children will die with SMA this year.
- SMA has four types. Diagnosis can range from a Type I at birth to a Type IV very late in life as an adult. Type I is the most severe diagnosis.



Balancing Life's Tough Times™