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Supporting those affected by Inherited Metabolic Disorders

Canavan Disease

Canavan Disease is a rare disorder that belongs to a group known as the Leukodystrophies which leads to abnormal development or destruction of the myelin sheath which insulates the nerve cells and helps to transmit messages. Canavan Disease has a higher prevalence among Ashkenazi Jews. Symptoms may include weak muscle tone (particularly of the neck, causing poor head control), blindness, an increasing head circumference, feeding and swallowing difficulties, failure to thrive and seizures and intellectual disability and developmental delays.

Synonyms

Alternative names for this condition are:

- ACY2 deficiency
- Aminoacylase 2 Deficiency
- Aspa Deficiency
- Aspartoacylase Deficiency
- Canavan's Disease

Further information about this condition is available from Climb.

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