

Cystic fibrosis is a rare, genetic disease that progressively limits the ability to breathe. To combat this condition, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation was founded in 1955 by parents desperate to save their children's lives. Their impassioned determination to prolong life has resulted in tremendous strides over the past 60 years in accelerating research and drug development.

About cystic fibrosis



Americans have CF.

1 IN 31

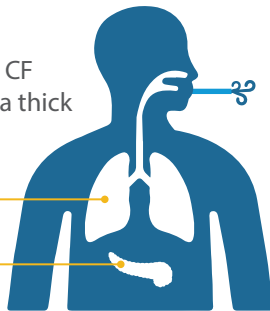
Americans
are symptomless carriers
of the defective CF gene.

Median predicted
survival age is

41
years.

Living with CF is a struggle

The defective CF gene causes a thick buildup of mucus in the **lungs** and the **pancreas**.



Some with CF say it feels like they are breathing through a straw.



hours a day are spent
doing treatments.
(That's 1 month a year.)

A long, costly road to a cure

MORE THAN
25

promising therapies are currently in development.

NEARLY
\$3B

was spent by the CF Foundation on its mission and advancing new therapies over the past 25 years.

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cures exist for cystic fibrosis.

We will not rest until we have a cure for those living with cystic fibrosis.

For more information or to get involved, contact the CNY Chapter at 315-463-7965 or central-ny@cff.org

The CF Foundation is a proven leader in the field of rare disease research and is recognized globally for its unprecedented advancements. The Foundation will continue to invest heavily in science supporting its mission so that we can add tomorrows to the lives of those with this disease – and help improve quality of life today.