



"Please don't turn your back on me!"

Every day, children like Ada face the challenges of living with CMN - feeling **isolated** and **overwhelmed**. Caring Matters Now is committed to breaking the silence and **educating others** about the condition, whilst also being their lifeline; providing **emotional support**, expert guidance, and funding **vital research** to change lives. But we can't do it alone. Your donation today ensures families never face CMN without hope. **Together, we can make a lasting difference.**



UK Charity for those affected by Congenital Melanocytic Naevus



MEET ADA

Ada was born with CMN covering 70% of her skin. Scan the QR code to meet Ada's family and to hear how Caring Matters Now has provided support throughout Ada's life.



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SUPPORT - AWARENESS - RESEARCH

ABOUT CMN

What is CMN?

CMN is a dark brown hairy birthmark covering up to 80% of the body. The itchiness of some CMN can impact sleep, raised and lumpy CMN can affect mobility. There is also an increase in the risk of developing melanoma when CMN is present on the skin.



It's more than a birthmark

CMN can also affect body systems beyond the skin, causing medical complexities and neurological problems, which in the worst cases can be fatal.

No effective treatment

Caring Matters Now funds a dedicated team of UK researchers who are working towards developing effective treatments. For now, the only help available is through the support we provide to improve the quality of life for those living with CMN.

Creating a brighter future

As a charity, we support over 800 families affected by CMN. We are on a mission to create a brighter future for everyone living with CMN and to do this, we need your help.

WHAT WE DO

Caring Matters Now is the **only** dedicated charity in the UK supporting children and adults affected by **Congenital Melanocytic Naevus**

Our vision is a world where no one faces CMN alone; where every family feels supported, every story is heard, and every child and adult has access to life-changing treatments.

Support

The support that we provide is personal, compassionate, shaped by lived experience and grounded in genuine care. From the first diagnosis to every milestone, we walk alongside families living with CMN. Through support consultations, community gatherings, and critical care, we bring hope and connection when it's needed most.

Awareness

We work to raise the awareness of CMN by sharing real stories, providing resources, collaborating with partners, and educating medical professionals. Our growing global influence strengthens this mission and helps improve understanding on an international scale.

Research

We fund and facilitate pioneering research in partnership with leading clinicians and scientists. The research focuses on studies that prioritise effective and realistic treatment options, and better care pathways to make a meaningful difference and improve the quality of life for children, adults and families living with CMN.

OUR STORY



Meet Jodi

Founder of Caring Matters Now

"Supporting families affected by CMN has always been at the heart of what we do."

Jodi was born with large, brown, hairy birthmarks covering **80% of her body** and underwent more than 30 surgeries in her first 15 years. Those early years were incredibly tough, marked by isolation and low self-esteem, living with a skin condition that seemed completely unknown.

Everything changed in 1995 when, at the age of 15, a consultant at Great Ormond Street Hospital finally gave her condition a name: **Congenital Melanocytic Naevus (CMN)**. Just a year later, Jodi and her family were asked to help support other CMN patients – and Caring Matters Now was born.

Over the past 28 years, Jodi and her family have built a thriving community, supporting more than **800 families** across the UK and worldwide.

Caring Matters Now has raised over £1.7 million to fund pioneering research - discovering the genetic cause of CMN and now working towards effective treatments.



What began as one family's journey has grown into a global movement of hope, support, and progress.

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