



SADS Awareness



Patient and Family Support



Research and Advocacy



Medical Professional Education

Supporting families. Saving lives.

Living and Thriving: Arrhythmia Patients Connect with Professionals during SADS Awareness Month

The SADS Foundation invites medical professionals to make SADS Awareness Month the springboard for saving more young lives.

September is SADS Awareness Month – a time for reaching out to schools, communities and parents to educate about SADS conditions and to promote actions to protect children. SADS Foundation professionals and volunteers predict 2008 will be a landmark year for patient awareness and education. To assist these efforts, the Foundation has launched a new interactive website for families and professionals, www.stopsads.org, and is offering a new Family Pedigree Project for mapping out the progression of genetic arrhythmias.

With its new discussion board for SADS families and professionals, improved educational materials for each major channelopathy and new Family Support and Volunteer Director the SADS Foundation will be able to provide you and your practice the support you need to participate in SADS Awareness Month in your local community. Working with your nurse, office manager and/or patient(s), the Foundation can provide the materials and expertise you need to successfully increase awareness in your local community.

Here's how you can help increase awareness and understanding of these potentially deadly cardiac arrhythmias:

- Involve your patients in a SADS Awareness/Fundraising Campaign (we can provide the organization, support and materials to help)
- Display SADS material in prominent places in your offices and local hospitals
- Encourage patients to utilize the SADS Family Pedigree Project materials to identify other at-risk individuals in their family who need to be evaluated
- Refer patients to the SADS website for additional education and support
- Organize a seminar for health professionals to discuss SADS topics
- Give a presentation to the state (or district) School Nurses' Association, the parents, or PTA in local schools (we have a presentation you can use) and advocate for adding the SADS Risk Assessment questions to the school's physical screening forms.
- Write an article about SADS conditions for your local newspaper &/or give an interview on local radio/TV (again, we can provide samples, etc.)

Together the healthcare community and the SADS Foundation can save the lives and support the families of children and young adults who are genetically predisposed to sudden death due to heart rhythm abnormalities. Contact us for more information and materials – www.stopsads.org or 1-800-STOP SAD (786-7723).



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