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Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease

Also called: CJD

Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) is a rare, degenerative brain disorder

[<https://medlineplus.gov/degenerativenediseases.html>] . Symptoms usually start around age 60. Memory problems, behavior changes, vision problems, and poor muscle coordination progress quickly to dementia [<https://medlineplus.gov/dementia.html>] , coma, and death. Most patients die within a year.

The three main categories of CJD are :

- Sporadic CJD, which occurs for no known reason
- Hereditary CJD, which runs in families
- Acquired CJD, which occurs from contact with infected tissue, usually during a medical procedure

Cattle can get a disease related to CJD called bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) or "mad cow disease." There is concern that people can get a variant of CJD from eating beef from an infected animal, but there is no direct proof to support this.

NIH: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

Start Here

- Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease [<https://www.alz.org/alzheimers-dementia/what-is-dementia/types-of-dementia/creutzfeldt-jakob-disease>] (Alzheimer's Association)
- Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease [<https://www.ninds.nih.gov/health-information/disorders/creutzfeldt-jakob-disease>]  (National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke)
- Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (Prion Diseases) [<https://www.ninds.nih.gov/health-information/disorders/transmissible-spongiform-encephalopathies>]  (National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke)

Diagnosis and Tests

- Diagnosing Sporadic Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease: Accuracy of CSF 14-3-3 Protein Test of the Spinal Fluid [<https://www.aan.com/Guidelines/Home/GetGuidelineContent/567>] (American Academy of Neurology) - **PDF**

Related Issues

- About Variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (vCJD) [<https://www.cdc.gov/variant-creutzfeldt-jakob/about/>] (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
- Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), Also Called Mad Cow Disease [<https://www.cdc.gov/mad-cow/php/animal-health/>] (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
- Information for People Treated with Pituitary Human Growth Hormone [<https://www.niddk.nih.gov/health-information/endocrine-diseases/national-hormone-pituitary-program>]  (National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases)

Specifics

- BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy or Mad Cow Disease) Frequently Asked Questions [<https://www.usda.gov/farming-and-ranching/animal-science/bse-surveillance-information-center/bse-frequently-asked-questions>] (Department of Agriculture)

Genetics

- Prion disease: MedlinePlus Genetics [<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/condition/prion-disease>]  (National Library of Medicine)

Statistics and Research

- Prion Diseases [<https://www.niaid.nih.gov/diseases-conditions/prion-diseases>]  (National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases)

Clinical Trials

- ClinicalTrials.gov: Creutzfeldt-Jakob Syndrome [<https://clinicaltrials.gov/search?cond=%22Creutzfeldt-Jakob+Syndrome%22&aggFilters=status:not%20rec>]  (National Institutes of Health)
- ClinicalTrials.gov: Prion Diseases [<https://clinicaltrials.gov/search?cond=%22Prion+Diseases%22&aggFilters=status:not%20rec>]  (National Institutes of Health)

Journal Articles

References and abstracts from MEDLINE/PubMed (National Library of Medicine)

- Article: Prion-induced ferroptosis is facilitated by RAC3. [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/40562790>]
- Article: Treatment with efavirenz extends survival in a Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease model by... [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/40540390>]
- Article: Characterization of prion strains and peripheral prion infectivity patterns in E200K... [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/40522345>]
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- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [<https://www.cdc.gov/>] Also in Spanish [<https://www.cdc.gov/spanish/>]
- Food and Drug Administration [<https://www.fda.gov/>]
- National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke [<https://www.ninds.nih.gov/>] 

Patient Handouts

- Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/000788.htm>] (Medical Encyclopedia) Also in Spanish [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/ency/article/000788.htm>]



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National Institutes of Health

The primary NIH organization for research on *Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease* is the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke [<http://www.ninds.nih.gov/>]

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