# CHARCOT-MARIE-TOOTH



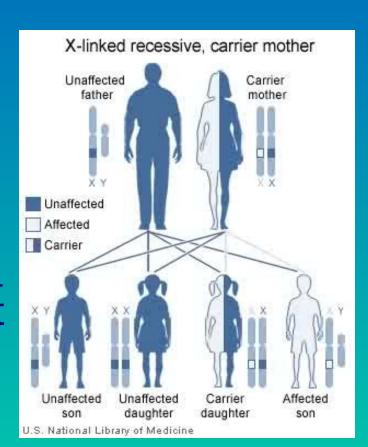
DISEASE



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#### CHARCOT-MARIE-TOOTH DISEASE

- \* This is a disease where you have weakness in your feet and lower leg muscles
- \* This disease is one of most common inherited neurological disorders
- \* This disease compromises a group of disorders that affect peripheral nerves
- It affects approximately 1 in 2,500 people in the US



#### **SYMPTOMS**





- Weakness in feet and lower leg muscles
- May result in foot deformities and frequently tripping and falling
- Your lower leg may take on an "inverted champagne bottle" from loss of muscle bulk
- Occurs in adolescent or early adulthood
- Progression of disease is gradual

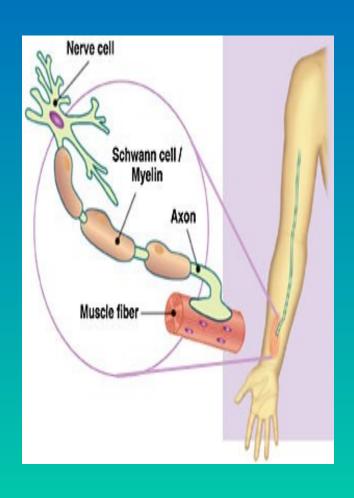
#### <u>DIFFERENT TYPES</u>





- CMT 1-an autosomal dominant disease from duplication of gene on chromosome 17 that carries info for producing the peripheral myelin protein 22
- CMT 2-comes from abnormalties in the axon of the peripheral nerve cell rather than the myelin sheath
- CMT 3-severe demyelinating neuropathy that begins when you are a baby
- CMT 4-has several different subtypes of autosomal recessive demyelinating motor and sensory neuropathies
- CMT X-X-linked dominant disease and caused by point mutation in the connexin-32 gene on X chromosome

#### WHAT CAUSES THE DISEASE?



\* CMT is caused by mutations in genes that produce proteins involved in the structure and function of peripheral nerve axon or the myelin sheath.

## **HOW DO THEY DIAGNOSE CMT?**

- First you go over patient history
- Family history
- Neurological exam
- Get asked symptoms
- If CMT suspected
- Then you will get electro diagnostic tests
- Then it will tell you if you have it and then you may get extra tests to find out which kind you have



# **HOW IS CMT TREATED?**





- There is no cure for CMT
- But you can have physical and occupational therapy
- You can even have braces and other devices
- Even orthopedic surgery may help
- Stretching may prevent some pain

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