



KAWASAKI DISEASE

WHAT IS KAWASAKI DISEASE?

KAWASAKI DISEASE (SYNDROME) IS A SERIOUS RASH ILLNESS OF CHILDREN THAT IS RARE.

WHO GETS KAWASAKI DISEASE?

MOST CASES OCCUR IN INFANTS AND CHILDREN UNDER AGE FIVE.

HOW IS KAWASAKI DISEASE SPREAD?

LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT THE WAY THE DISEASE SPREADS. IT DOES NOT SEEM TO BE SPREAD FROM PERSON TO PERSON, BUT COULD BE CAUSED BY AN INFECTIOUS AGENT.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF KAWASAKI DISEASE?

SYMPTOMS INCLUDE A HIGH FEVER THAT LASTS MORE THAN FIVE DAYS, IRRITABILITY, SWOLLEN LYMPH NODES, RED EYES, LIPS, THROAT AND TONGUE AND A RASH MAY COVER THE ENTIRE BODY AND IS SOMETIMES FOLLOWED BY A PEELING OF THE SKIN ON THE HANDS AND FINGERS.

DOES PAST INFECTION MAKE A PERSON IMMUNE?

NO, BUT RE-INFECTION IS EXTREMELY RARE.

WHAT IS THE TREATMENT FOR KAWASAKI DISEASE?

MOST PATIENTS ARE TREATED IN THE HOSPITAL WHERE THEY CAN BE CLOSELY WATCHED. MEDICATIONS ARE OFTEN GIVEN.

WHAT ARE THE COMPLICATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH KAWASAKI DISEASE?

THE MOST COMMON COMPLICATION IS CORONARY ARTERY ANEURYSMS AND LESS THAN 1 PERCENT OF PATIENTS WITH KAWASAKI SYNDROME DIE OF THE DISEASE AND ITS COMPLICATIONS.

HOW CAN KAWASAKI DISEASE BE PREVENTED?

AT PRESENT, IT IS NOT KNOWN HOW TO PREVENT THIS DISEASE.