Columbia Spinal Muscular Atrophy Clinical Research Initiative

The SMA Clinical Research Center is part of the Pediatric Neuromuscular Disease Program at Columbia University. Our interdisciplinary team offers both comprehensive patient care and an opportunity to participate in research initiatives. Medical management includes treatment, monitoring, education, and guidance from healthcare professionals with expertise in neuromuscular disease. Fundraising is in progress to support the clinic dedicated to the care and management of children with SMA. If you are interested in learning more about our clinic and updated research please visit us at www.columbiasma.org.

**SMA: A Devastating Childhood Disease**

Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) is a leading genetic killer of children under the age of two. It is estimated that SMA occurs in 1 in 6000 births. This pediatric neuromuscular disease causes degeneration of motor neurons in the spinal cord. Individuals with SMA are distinguished by three types depending on the severity of their disease. Their medical impairments include inability to sit, crawl or walk; respiratory difficulties, curvature of the spine and severe muscle weakness.

**How To Donate**

Every dollar raised will go directly towards clinical care and research advances for patients with SMA. If you are willing to donate, please make checks payable to Columbia University’s Motor Neuron Center with 'SMA Clinic' in the memo line and send to:

Ira Messer Harkness Pavillion HP 572 180 Fort Washington Ave New York, NY 10032.

Include your name and number if you interested in a receipt for tax purposes.

Any questions can be directed to (212) 305-1812.

We look forward to working with you as you have now joined the commitment towards the survival and ultimate cure of children with SMA.