

SMA Awareness Week

SMA Facts

1 in 40-60 of us carry the gene that causes **SMA** which equates to around **1.5 million**



 **people in the UK**

When two SMA carriers have a child together, there is a



chance that the child will have inherited both faulty copies of the **SMN1** gene and will develop **SMA**.

These chances are the same for each pregnancy.

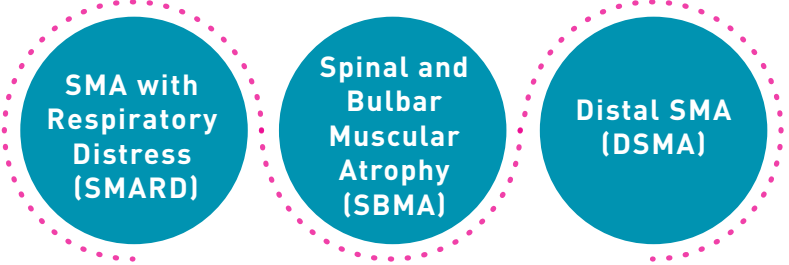


of **SMA** and the effects of each type of **SMA** vary greatly between individuals.

Life-expectancy varies between and within the different types of SMA.



There are also other, even rarer, forms of **SMA** with different genetic causes including:



As yet there is no cure



so the **focus** is on managing symptoms as well as on **extensive research** into **genetic causes** and **potential treatments**.

There are approximately



children and adults in the UK living with **SMA**.



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