

Welcome Autumn

Dear CGD Society member,

Welcome to our October edition, featuring news, health tips and our latest fundraisers.

Pioneering new approach to gene therapy



Immunologist Janine Reichenbach is undertaking research into serious congenital immune deficiencies. She is also developing gene therapies – for some patients, the last hope of a cure. [Read this interesting article](#) to find out more and how gene therapy helped CGD patient, Max.

Report from Public Health England

A report from Public Health England defines genome sequencing and how, by improving our understanding of genetic activity, we can determine how best to use genetics in screening. Could this lead the way for screening for more genetic conditions? We hope so!

[Read the full report.](#)

Remember your annual flu vaccine!



We have reached that time of year again when people affected by CGD need to have their annual flu jab. People with CGD can fight the flu virus normally but it may develop into a nasty bacterial pneumonia, which can be more severe for people who have CGD.

[Find out more on our website.](#)

Our new website

Our new-look website is up and running! Please take a look and tell us what you think. With a new homepage, pictures and links, we hope you find the website easier to navigate. It is packed with crucial information about CGD for both medical professionals and patients. Watch out for new content as it appears. Work to update the website was made possible thanks to donations to the CGD Society and several weeks of work by Andrew Orchard our Trustee. Thanks Andrew.

[Visit our new website.](#)

Fundraising



As charity coordinator of the CGD Society, it is my job to encourage people to fundraise and donate to the charity. To show willing, I, my sister Kerri and my friend Claire took part in the Big Fun Run on 15 September. We are not natural runners, so 5k was a bit of a challenge! We did it and at the same time raised over £1,000 for the CGD Society. I am very proud to have taken part in memory of my little boy who passed away with complications from CGD eight years ago. Thank you to those who kindly donated.

Good luck

We would like to wish good luck to Ronja and Dom who are taking part in the Cardiff Half Marathon on 6 October. The pair are running in memory of Dom's cousin, Josh Rogers, who sadly passed away from complications with CGD. Ronja and Dom have almost reached their online fundraising target. Why not [help them reach their target by making a donation?](#)

Donate



Easyfundraising is the UK's biggest charity shopping fundraising site.

With over 300 retailers to choose from, easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations to the CGD Society. However large or

small, your donation will allow us to continue providing our range of services to individuals and families affected by CGD.

[Find out more.](#)

I hope you enjoyed reading this edition. If you would like to feature in future news updates, then please contact me at hello@cgd-society.org

With best wishes,

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