SUNDAY MORNING

HEALTH CORNER

hATTR Amyloidosis Overview

What is hereditary ATTR (hATTR) amyloidosis?

hATTR amyloidosis is a rare, hereditary condition.
Approximately 1 in 25 African Americans have a certain gene variant, or change within a gene, that may be associated with the development of hATTR amyloidosis.

CECE, living with hATTR amyloidosis

What do I need to Know?

hATTR amyloidosis is passed down through families.

Although anyone can be at risk for this disease, it is more common for people of certain ethnicities, such as those of African (West African: Ghana, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone, or Afro-Caribbean), Brazilian, Irish, and Portuguese descent.

The disease may affect several parts of the body and make it difficult to walk. It can also cause digestive problems, numbness/tingling in the hands or feet, and/or heart failure. This is not a complete list of symptoms that may be experienced with hATTR amyloidosis.

The symptoms can often be similar to those of other, more common conditions, such as alcoholic neuropathy, AA amyloidosis, AL amyloidosis, carpal tunnel syndrome, diabetic neuropathy, and hypertensive heart disease. It's important to talk to your doctor if you're experiencing symptoms.

The Bridge[®] is a program designed to help raise awareness and provide education and helpful tools for patients, their families, and their caregivers. To learn more visit www.hATTRbridge.com.

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