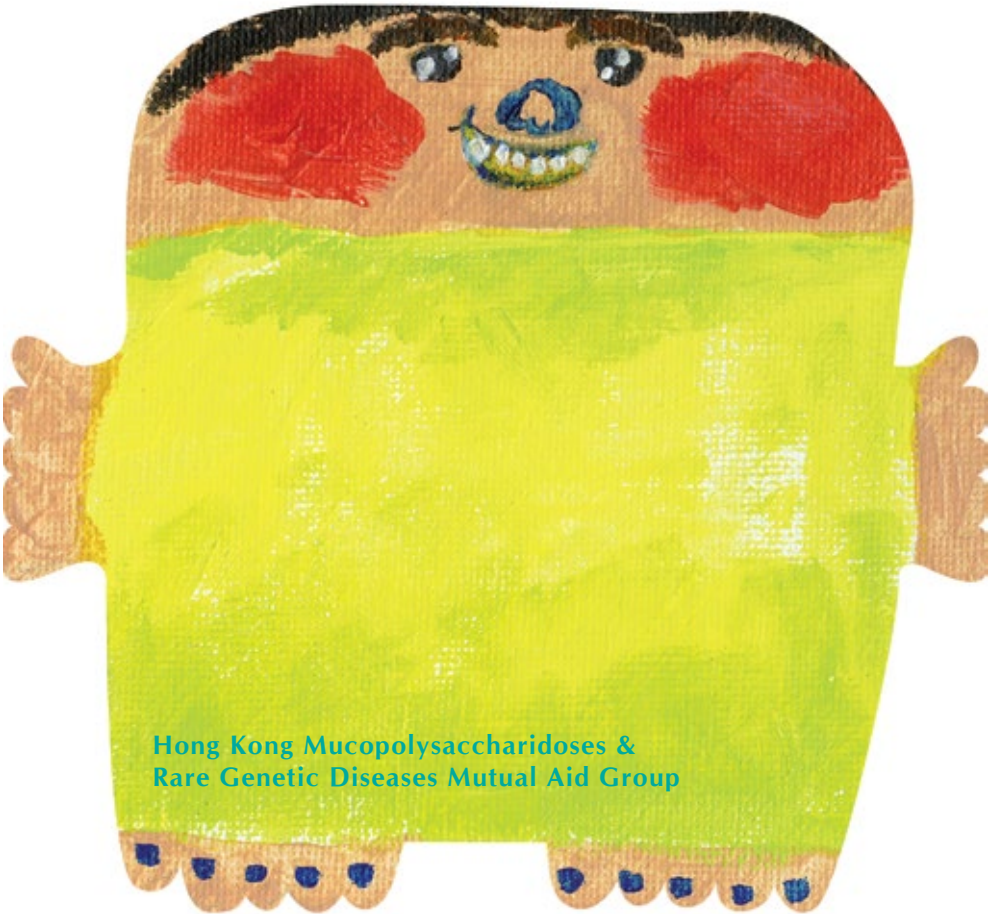
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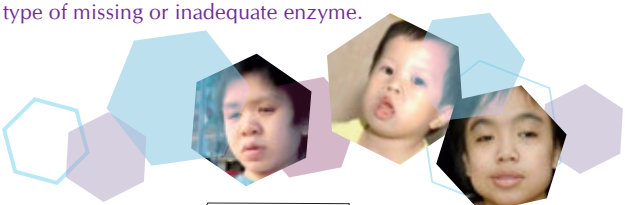
The Hong Kong Mucopolysaccharidoses & Rare Genetic Diseases Mutual Aid Group was originally formed by patients of Mucopolysaccharidoses (MPS) and their families for mutual support and encouragement. With the assistance of The Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation's Community Rehabilitation Network, the Group later registered as a charitable organisation on March 23, 2005. Apart from MPS, we also have members who are diagnosed with Mucolipidosis, Glycogen Storage Disease, Multiple Sclerosis, Gaucher's Disease, Pompe Disease, Hereditary Epidermolysis Bullosa, Phenylketonuria (PKU), Glutaric Aciduria Type I, Sotos Syndrome, Urea cycle disorder, Fabry disease and Aarskog Syndrome . All patients with other rare genetic diseases are welcome to join our Group as well. To know more about these rare genetic diseases, please visit our website at **www.mps.org.hk/en.**

What are Mucopolysaccharidoses?

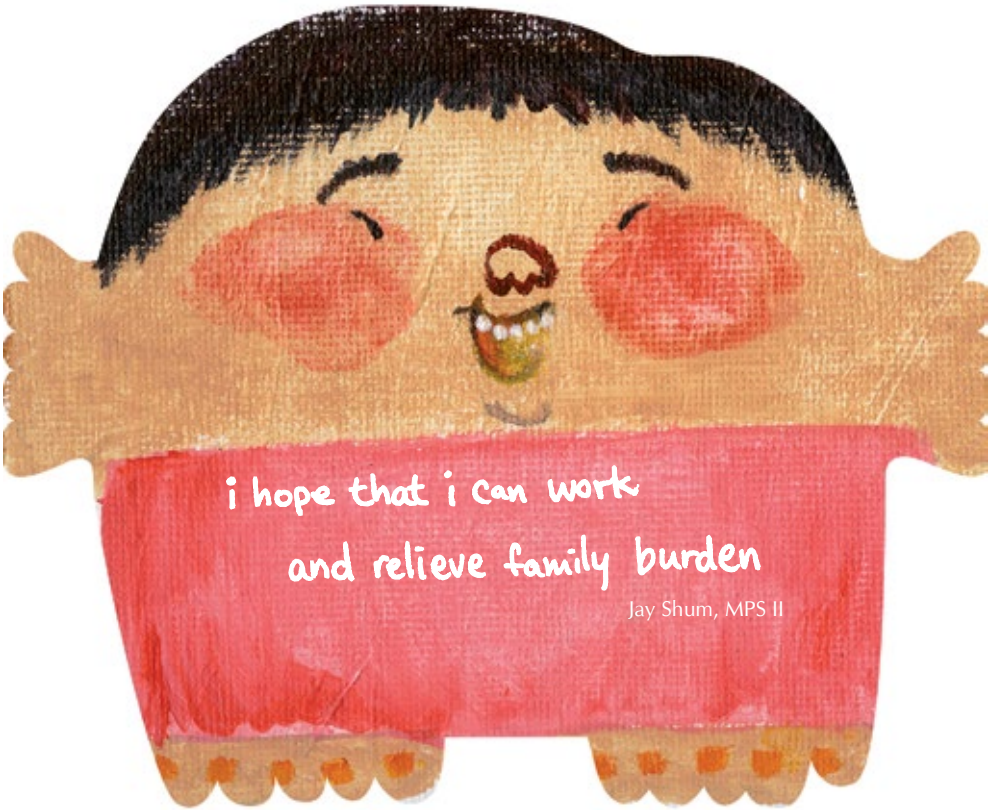
Mucopolysaccharidoses (MPS) belongs to a group of rare inherited metabolic diseases known as storage diseases. The disorder is caused by the deficiency of specific enzymes needed to break down mucopolysaccharides, which are long chains of sugar molecules used in building body tissues and organs. Such deficiency results in harmful amounts of mucopolysaccharides accumulated in the body and progressive damages to various organs.

MPS is classified into 7 types (Type I,II,III,IV,VI,VII and IX) according to the type of missing or inadequate enzyme.



While the disease may not be apparent at birth, signs and symptoms develop with age as more mucopolysaccharides accumulate:

As the patients age, accumulated mucopolysaccharides may affect their appearance and damage their intelligence, internal organs, bones and joints. Affected individuals often share symptoms such as coarse hair and cloudy corneas. In severe MPS cases, patients may even suffer from mental retardation, language disorder, distended abdomen, enlarged joints, spinal deformity, stiff fingers with contracture, impaired physical mobility, and sight and hearing loss. As the airway passage gradually narrows with increased and thickened secretions, patients are prone to bronchitis or pneumonia infections.

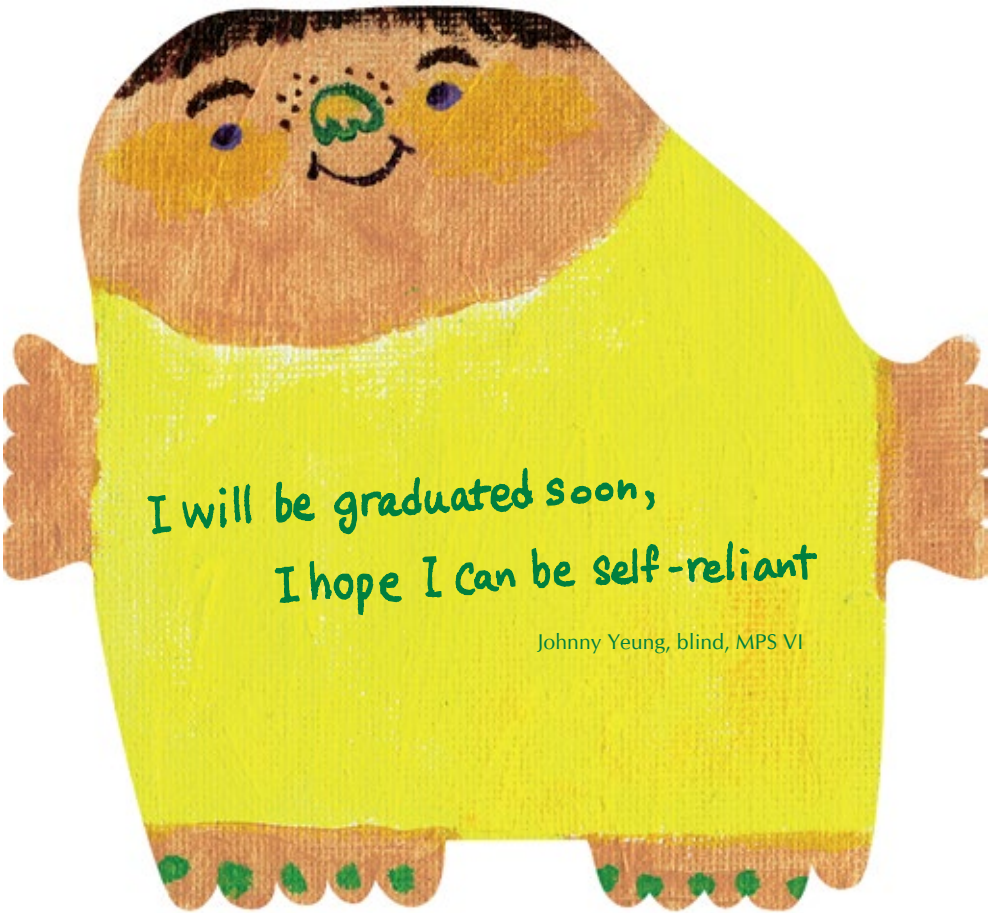

i hope that i can work
and relieve family burden
Jay Shum, MPS II


I hope that I could play,
I could chat and
enjoy everything.
Mavish Sultana, MPS I

Treatment: Bone Marrow Transplantation and Enzyme Replacement Therapy (ERT)

Bone marrow transplantation can help MPS I and VI patients at an early stage to ease symptoms and prolong their lives.

At present, ERT for MPS I, II and VI have been successfully developed and is being used on patients. However, as the intravenous enzymes cannot cross into the brain, ERT does not address the neurological symptoms experienced by these patients. To supplement or replace the deficient enzyme, a patient should regularly and continuously receive ERT without any pause.


I will be graduated soon,
I hope I can be self-reliant
Johnny Yeung, blind, MPS VI


I hope that I can get
the medicine to cure me.
John Lee, MPS IV

Funding and Address

The Group receives no regular funding from the government. Our operational expenses are mainly covered by annual membership fees and donations, whereas individual activities are supported by funds from different charitable foundations.

The Group does not have a permanent address. We borrow venues from the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation for meetings, gatherings and letter collecting.

Donation Methods

1) By cheque	The cheque should be made payable to "Hong Kong Mucopolysaccharidoses & Rare Genetic Diseases Mutual Aid Group" or "H K M & R G D Mutual Aid Group"
2) By direct deposit	Please deposit the funds into our Bank of East Asia account 015-246-40-426130 or 015-246-10-37986-7 and obtain a deposit receipt.
3) By online donation	Please visit the following website for details: www.mps.org.hk/donation.html

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The Hong Kong Mucopolysaccharidoses & Rare Genetic Diseases Mutual Aid Group Donation Form

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