



One of the first signs of neurofibromatosis (type1) on a baby are café au lait birthmarks. They are harmless and often just called 'beauty marks", but in reality they are the hallmark of an unpredictable, genetic condition that can vary in severity. Neurofibromatosis is not contagious; it has a range of seemingly unrelated symptoms, including tumors, learning disabilities, and scoliosis, that make it complicated to understand,

Just as those who know and love cancer patients will shave their own heads in solidarity and support of their loved ones in treatment, those who know and love NF patients will show their solidarity and support by donning beauty marks—temporary tattoos, face paint, body paint, "war paint"



The Beauty Mark Nation will be at NF walks, golf tournaments, bike rides and even at fine dining events! They will command public attention, challenge public perception and create a high degree of visibility for the NF cause. This bold commitment will ultimately bring us closer to the cure for NF!

There are many ways to show your support for those with Neurofibromatosis. We encourage you to wear your tattoo so others can see it, and give them to your family and friends to wear as well. If you would like to send us a picture of you and others wearing your tattoos, we will add them to our Flickr page on the Beauty Mark Nation website.



For those of you whose children have NF, the tattoos are a great way to help your child educate their classmates about Neurofibromatosis. We can supply you with tattoos and other age appropriate information about NF for you to distribute, with the hope that it will encourage all the kids to become members of the Beauty Mark Nation.