# HE YOU DON'T SUFFER WITH CROHN'S BETYOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES



Crohn's disease is a debilitating and aggressive form of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD). It affects an estimated 4 million worldwide, including 1.2 million in the USA and around 250,000 in the UK – and numbers are increasing, especially in children.

Symptoms include severe abdominal pain, weight loss, bloody diarrhoea and chronic fatigue. Approximately 80% of patients will need surgery at some point in their lifetime. The lives of most are blighted by multiple hospitalisations, surgeries and immuno-suppressive therapies, which may have nasty side effects. As a result many people have difficulty holding down a job or attending school.

## RETHINK WHAT YOU'VE BEEN TOLD ABOUT CROHN'S IN THE PAST. THERE'S ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE!

Until now, there has been no cure for Crohn's and no cause is officially recognised. However, there is compelling evidence pointing to MAP as the cause of Crohn's disease. Crohn's MAP Vaccine is an awareness and support group comprised of members of the Crohn's Community. Our mission is to find a cure for Crohn's Disease. We believe the best hope for that cure lies in the Vaccine and new diagnostic test developed by Prof. Hermon-Taylor of King's College London.

OUR MISSION: **To Cure Crohn's Disease** 

## **MYCOBACTERIUM AVIUM SUBSPECIES PARATUBERCULOSIS (MAP)**

In 1913, the Scottish surgeon Thomas Kennedy Dalziel described a possible connection between what we now know as Crohn's Disease and the bacterium Mycobacterium avium subspecies paratuberculosis (MAP). MAP is the well-established cause of Inflammatory Bowel Disease in domestic livestock, called 'Johne's Disease'. In 1932, Dr Burrill Crohn himself, who gave his name to the disease, also considered a mycobacterial cause. And yet STILL, over 100 years later, there is no clear consensus among experts on the guestion of whether MAP causes Crohn's Disease

### IT IS HIGH TIME THAT QUESTION WAS ANSWERED, ONCE AND FOR ALL!

The key to that answer may lie in the research of Professor John Hermon-Taylor, a molecular scientist, retired surgeon and internationally renowned Crohn's Disease expert who has been researching MAP and its relationship to Crohn's for over 30 years.

"On the basis of what I have seen, I believe MAP to be the predominant cause of Crohn's Disease. We have developed a therapeutic anti-MAP Vaccine, a virally vectored vaccine designed to treat as well as prevent - MAP infection by stimulating the immune system to recognise and eradicate MAP." - Prof. John Hermon-Taylor

#### SO FAR. WE HAVE:

- Successfully raised over £700,000 for the KCL fast and accurate diagnostic MAP test to accompany the Crohn's MAP Vaccine trial.
- Raised awareness of MAP and its association with diseases currently categorised as 'autoimmune', in particular Crohn's Disease.
- Provided a website resource to educate about MAP and to keep the public up to date with the vaccine research.
- Created a global facebook community and other social media pages and groups, as platforms for interaction, discussion and news.



We need:

- The public to educate themselves and others about the pathogen MAP, which is prevalent in our environment and food chain (our website is full of information).
- · Continued donations to keep the lab going throughout the phase 2 vaccine trial.
- Pressure on NICE (UK) and other worldwide bodies to accept safer, cheaper alternatives to immune suppression where appropriate, whilst we await a working vaccine.

WE DO NOT NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE VACCINE TRIAL. Please do not contact us about recruitment as this is not under our control and will be advertised at www.clinicaltrials.gov.



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It's time for a cure!

