



MYRTLE ELLIS FUND

supporting rare dementia

Founded in 2007 by the family of Myrtle Ellis following her diagnosis of Posterior Cortical Atrophy, the Fund exists to provide support, information and advice to individuals with rare forms of dementia and their carers.

The *Myrtle Ellis Fund* provides regular support group meetings, newsletters, telephone contact networks, websites and access to information and advice for people affected by three conditions:

- Posterior Cortical Atrophy (PCA) – a progressive disorder of vision which affects skills such as reading, driving and seeing what and where things are. PCA involves damage to the brain not the eyes and is most commonly caused by Alzheimer's Disease
- Primary Progressive Aphasia (PPA) – a degenerative condition associated with the gradual loss of the ability to understand and/or produce speech

- Familial Alzheimer's Disease (FAD) – the rare, directly genetically inherited form of Alzheimer's disease which runs in families and typically affects people in their 30s, 40s and 50s.

If you or someone you know might benefit from the services provided through these support groups, please contact our nurse coordinator Jill Walton (jill.walton@ftdsg.org / 07592 540 555) or visit our website: www.pcasupport.ucl.ac.uk

The Myrtle Ellis Fund is part of *The National Brain Appeal* (charity number 290173). Formerly known as The National Hospital Development Foundation, it is dedicated to raising vital funds for *The National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery*, Queen Square, London.

For more information on the work of the Fund or to make a contribution, please contact *The National Brain Appeal* on 020 3448 4724 or go to: www.justgiving.com/Myrtle-Ellis-Fund

familial alzheimer's disease



[FAD]

SUPPORT GROUP

www.dementia.ion.ucl.ac.uk

Being at risk of a disease which causes problems with memory and other skills raises all sorts of issues and concerns. There is often a sense of isolation when faced with these issues and few facilities are appropriate to this group's specific need.

The *FAD Support Group* is for families affected by autosomal dominantly inherited Familial Alzheimer's Disease due to mutations in the PSEN1, PSEN2 or APP genes or APP duplications and is run through the *National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery*. It currently holds a national meeting once a year in London.

At this meeting, the group offers information, advice and social opportunities for people with FAD and their families. A newsletter is also published and circulated to members between meetings.

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