

WHO WE ARE

The Joe Niekro Foundation™ (JNF) was established in 2007 and is the “brain child” of Natalie Niekro, daughter of Joe Niekro, a twenty-two year veteran of professional baseball who suddenly lost his life from a brain aneurysm in October 2006.

JNF supports patients and families, research, treatment and awareness of Brain Aneurysms (BA), AVMs and Hemorrhagic Strokes. We provide education on the risk factors, causes and treatments, while funding neurological research.

- There are currently 6 million people in the US who have an unruptured brain aneurysm
- Every 18 minutes an aneurysm ruptures and 50% of these patients will die instantly
- Of the remaining 50%, half will suffer a delayed death and survivors often are left with severe brain deficits
- Four out of 7 people that recover from a rupture will harbor more than one aneurysm
- Ten to 15% of BA patients will develop more than one
- A person with more than one first degree relative having a BA has a 17-44% chance of having one as well
- BA's are most prevalent between the ages 35-60, but occur in 3 out of 10 children as well
- BA's occur more frequently in women than men by a ratio of 3:2
- One in 15 people will develop a BA or AVM
- The average age of an AVM rupture is 17 years old
- More than 50% of people with an AVM will have an intracranial hemorrhage
- Hemorrhagic strokes make up 15% of all strokes (nearly 120,000 per year) and more than 30% of all stroke deaths

We invite you to become part of our team, a team fighting each and every day to make a difference in the lives of thousands affected by these fatal conditions.



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