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## **TUBULAR SCLEROSIS**

Tuberous sclerosis derives its name from the tuber-like growths on the brain which calcify with age and become hard or sclerotic. It is a genetic disorder that is sometimes inherited and sometimes is considered to be sporadic. About 50% of people with TS are intellectually unimpaired and lead normal lives, with the remainder having learning disabilities, along the autistic spectrum, to a greater or lesser extent. Contrary to what was believed for many years, the prognosis for patients with TS is very good. The life expectancy for the majority of them is normal, even for those with severe learning disabilities and epilepsy.

### **The Tuberous Sclerosis Association (TSA)**

The Tuberous Sclerosis Association (TSA) was formed in 1977 by a group of parents, affected individuals and doctors interested in promoting greater understanding of the condition and providing mutual support for affected families. The TSA has three main areas of activity: Support Services, Research, and Appeals and Publicity.

The TSA is a membership organisation and is open to anyone affected by Tuberous Sclerosis (TSC) or who has an interest in TSC

**Website:** [www.tuberous-sclerosis.org](http://www.tuberous-sclerosis.org)

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