

Ataxia-Telangiectasia
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What is Ataxia Telangiectasia?

: Ataxia –Telangiectasia (“A-T”) is a degenerative brain condition that causes many of the same disabling effects as ALS/Motor Neurone’s disease only it affects young children. Kids are born seemingly normal but peak physically around the age of 5 before slowly losing their physical abilities including the ability to walk, talk and even to feed themselves. Mentally they remain unaffected becoming trapped in a deteriorating body. Due to a weakened immune system, many A-T children are highly susceptible to cancer or lung disease and more than half will die before they are out of their teens. There is currently no cure and nothing that can slow the condition’s progression.