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COMMUNICABLE DISEASE FACT SHEET **CREUTZFELDT JAKOB DISEASE (CJD)**

Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) is a rare neurological disease that usually afflicts people over 35 years of age. One type of CJD, variant CJD (found primarily in the United Kingdom), is seen in younger people. CJD is one of a group of diseases known as Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSE).

Symptoms

- Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) is a rare neurological disease that usually affects people over 35 years of age.
- Early symptoms of CJD include poor concentration, fatigue, and sporadic unsteadiness when walking or standing.
- As the disease progresses, people may experience agitation, dementia, and chronic muscle spasms.
- CJD progresses rapidly with vision problems, worsening of the dementia, and death shortly thereafter.

Transmission

- The mode of transmission of most cases is unknown, but experimental transmission has been possible with contact with brain and surrounding tissues.
- The tissues are infective while the person is symptomatic.

Treatment

- No effective treatment is available. The disease appears to be uniformly fatal.

Additional Information

- No treatment or preventative measures are available.

All information is general in nature and is not intended to be used as a substitute for appropriate professional advice.

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