

# Scoliosis Campaign Fund

Raising funds for the Scoliosis Association (UK) and the British Scoliosis Research Foundation

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## About Us

The Scoliosis Campaign Fund (SCF) is the joint fundraising arm of the Scoliosis Association (UK) (SAUK) and the British Scoliosis Research Foundation (BSRF). All proceeds from fundraising are split equally between the two charities.

**SAUK** aims to provide advice, support and information to people with scoliosis and to raise awareness among health professionals and the general public. It is the only national support charity for scoliosis patients in the UK.

**BSRF** is the only research charity that exists solely to promote research into the treatment of scoliosis and allied health conditions in the UK.

Our registered charity numbers are: **SAUK** 285290; **BSRF** 803772.

By supporting SCF, you are helping to support people with scoliosis as well as funding research into the causes and treatment of the disorder; that's support for people with scoliosis, now and in the future!



## What is scoliosis?

Scoliosis is a sideways curvature of the spine, in which the spinal column can also twist, pulling the ribcage out of position. Although many people have not heard of the condition it is surprisingly common, with three to four children per 1000 needing specialist supervision. Scoliosis can affect a person's appearance because when the spine bends to the side the vertebrae (the individual bones that make up the spine) become twisted and pull the ribs round with them, which sometimes forms a characteristic lump on the back and can cause the shoulder blade to stick out. The condition can cause pain, noticeable spinal deformity and can occur as part of another recognised syndrome, such as Marfan's or Rett Syndrome.

## Why support us?



**SAUK** provides a service to scoliosis patients in the UK that is absolutely essential. We keep a list of all scoliosis specialists and provide details of the nearest centre to the people who call and write to us. This information can be found nowhere else and is incredible important; it's essential that a patient receiving the diagnosis be seen by the right person and that's a specialist in scoliosis. We encourage and support people with the disorder by manning a helpline five days a week and **SAUK** also runs a membership scheme which puts our members in touch with each other and provides them with the details of a local volunteer. On top of all this, we organise scoliosis meetings across the UK each year to give the opportunity for people to hear specialists speak and we produce publications which inform and educate. All with a dedicated staff of four!

**BSRF** funds quality research into the causes of scoliosis and treatment of the disorder, both surgical and non-surgical. The **BSRF** also facilitates the sharing of information internationally through the funding of research and the Phillip Zorab symposia, and works to stimulate the interest of young surgeons in scoliosis and therefore ensure the next generation of specialists.

By fundraising for SCF you are supporting people with scoliosis now and aiding research into the condition for future patients. Thank you for supporting scoliosis!