AboutFace USA
A support group for people with facial differences. Includes information, peer networking, workshops, and educational support.
Phone 800-665-3223 ext. 21
Website: www.aboutface.ca

AVM Survivors
Online support group for patients and families that have had an Arteriovenous Malformation (AVM).
Website: www.avmsurvivors.org

Birth Defects Research for Children, Inc.
A 501(c) (3) non-profit organization that sponsors the National Birth Defect Registry and provides parents with information and support services for their children.
Website: http://birthdefects.org

CLOVES Syndrome Community
Supports, educates, empowers and improves the lives of those affected by CLOVES Syndrome.
Phone: 207-281-2130
Website: www.clovessyndrome.org

Exceptional Parent Magazine
A magazine for parents of children with special needs.
Website: www.eparent.com
Faces - The National Craniofacial Association
A non-profit organization serving patients with severe craniofacial deformities resulting from birth defects, injuries, or disease.
Phone: 800-3-FACES-3 (332-2373)
Website: www.faces-cranio.org

Project FAVA
Empowering the fibro adipose vascular anomaly (FAVA) community through outreach, education, and connection to researchers, medical organizations and to one another.
Website: facebook.com/projectfava

Global Genes
Allies in rare disease. Library and online resources.
Email: globalgenes@globalgenes.org
Website: www.globalgenes.org

Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia (HHT) Foundation
Cure HHT provides advocacy and support. Includes factual information, research updates, helpful links, and a newsletter.
Phone: 410-357-9932
Website: www.curehht.org

Infantile Hemangioma
A disease awareness web site created by Pierre Fabre Pharmaceuticals Inc.
Website: www.infantilehemangioma.com
**Kennedy’s Cause**
Founded to raise awareness of Lymphatic Malformation, raise funds and support research for a cure.
**Phone:** 856-437-0605
**Website:** [http://kennedyscause.com/](http://kennedyscause.com/)

**K-T Support Group**
Klippel-Trenaunay syndrome and similar complex vascular malformations advocacy and support. Includes factual information, member resources, community forum and patient networking.
**Phone:** 513-722-7724
**Website:** [https://k-t.org](https://k-t.org)

**Liam’s Land for Lymphatic Malformation Research**
Liam’s Land’s focus is research, a registry, funding genetic testing and clinical trials.
**Website:** [www.liamsland.org](http://www.liamsland.org)

**Lipedema Foundation**
LF focuses on research for cause & effective treatment of lipedema.
**Website:** [www.lipedema.org](http://www.lipedema.org)
**Lymphangiomatosis & Gorham Disease Alliance (LGDA)**
Promotes research that will identify effective treatments and ultimately a cure for these diseases. Provides support to patients and their families; education and hope to those affected by these rare lymphatic malformations. *NOTE: Website also has information on the International LGDA Registry for Lymphatic Malformations*

**Phone:** 844-588-5771  
**Website:** [www.lgdalliance.org](http://www.lgdalliance.org)

**Lymphatic Education & Research Network (LE&RN)**
LE&RN fosters and supports research about understanding the lymphatic system. Information on clinical trials & research updates.  
**Website:** [www.lymphaticnetwork.org](http://www.lymphaticnetwork.org)

**Lymphatic Malformation Institute**
A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the clinical care of patients with generalized lymphatic anomaly (GLA)/lymphangiomatosis and Gorham-Stout disease by funding research focused on identifying effective therapies for treating these rare disorders of the lymphatic system.  
**Phone:** 844-588-5771  
**Website:** [www.lmiresearch.org](http://www.lmiresearch.org)
**M-CM Network**
M-CM Network provides comprehensive medical information to aid in diagnosis and treatment decisions. Our goal is to establish a disease registry to collect data about affected individuals so that we can greatly expand the scope of what is known about M-CM.
**Phone:** 518-392-2150
**Website:** [www.m-cm.net](http://www.m-cm.net)

**Medicaid - Transportation Assistance**
Assistance available to patients who are enrolled in Medicaid coverage, including non-emergency medical transportation or mileage reimbursement for outpatient appointments (local and long-distance) as well as lodging and meal assistance if traveling from out of town for hospitalizations and outpatient visits.
**Website:** [Download Factsheet](#)

**National Lymphedema Network, Inc.**
Advocacy and support for primary and secondary lymphedema. Includes factual information, physician and therapy centers, resources, and a newsletter.
**Phone:** 1-800-541-3259 or 510-208-3200
**Website:** [www.lymphnet.org](http://www.lymphnet.org)
**National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)**
An educational link for organizations and individuals concerned with a rare disorder. They monitor legislation, research diseases, award grants and network individuals.
**Phone:** 203-744-0100
**Website:** [www.rarediseases.org](http://www.rarediseases.org)

**National Organization for Vascular Anomalies (NOVA)**
Hemangioma and vascular malformation advocacy and support. Includes physician list, related support services, patient networking, blogs, and transportation services.
**Website:** [www.novanews.org](http://www.novanews.org)

**NeedyMeds**
Information on medicine and healthcare assistance programs.
**Website:** [www.needymeds.org](http://www.needymeds.org)

**Operation Respect**
Includes information on the anti-bullying initiative, “Don’t Laugh at Me,” as well as professional development workshops and school assembly programs.
**Phone:** 212-904-5243
**Website:** [www.operationrespect.org](http://www.operationrespect.org)
**Operation Smile**
This is the website for Operation Smile a not-for-profit international organization that treats facial deformities.
**Phone:** (Domestic Medical Program) 1-888-677-6453
**Website:** [www.operationsmile.org](http://www.operationsmile.org)

**Parents Helping Parents**
PHP increases the quality of life for children with special needs. Provides services and support for children, families, and caregivers.
**Phone:** 408-727-5775
**Website:** [www.php.com](http://www.php.com)

**Pfizer RSVP**
Reimbursement Solutions, Verification, and Payment HELPline. Program to help both insured and uninsured patients access Pfizer medicines (including Rapamune/Sirolimus).
**Phone:** 1-844-989-7284 - English/Spanish operator available Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
**Website:** [www.PfizerHelpfulAnswers.com](http://www.PfizerHelpfulAnswers.com)

**PHACE Syndrome Community**
Support research and advocacy, networking among families, provide factual information and resources.
**Phone:** 678-744-3971
**Website:** [www.phacesyndromecommunity.org](http://www.phacesyndromecommunity.org)
Proteus Syndrome Foundation
A 501c3 not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of Proteus patients by funding AKT1 research. We focus on providing family support in the form of education and networking individuals living with Proteus syndrome with other families and medical professionals.
Phone: 901-756-9375
Website: www.proteus-syndrome.org

PTEN Hamartoma Tumor Syndrome Foundation
Education, financial assistance, research, awareness.
Website: www.ptenfoundation.org

Section 504
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 ensures that individuals with disabilities are given protection from discrimination. Often at school, this means that a child in need of accommodations based on a disability that affects a ‘major life activity’ is allowed reasonable accommodations as determined by a 504 Committee. If you or your child needs accommodations under Section 504, or if you have questions, contact your social worker or your child’s school.
Website: www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/504faq.html
**Sturge-Weber Syndrome Community**
Provides informational resources and support for families affected by SWS, which is typically a port wine stain birthmark that also has brain involvement.
**Website:** [http://swscommunity.org/](http://swscommunity.org/)

**The Sturge-Weber Foundation**
Support and information specific to Sturge-Weber syndrome, including Centers of Excellence, factual information and resources, and research updates. Information is available in English and Spanish.
**Phone:** 973-895-4445
**Website:** [www.sturge-weber.org](http://www.sturge-weber.org)

**Supplemental Security Income (SSI)**
The SSI program makes payments to those age 65 or older, blind, or disabled persons (including children) who have limited income and resources. Social Security has a strict definition of disability for children (condition must seriously limit his or her activities; and must have lasted, or be expected to last, at least 1 year or result in death).
**Phone:** 1-800-772-1213
**Website:** [www.ssa.gov/disability](http://www.ssa.gov/disability)
The United Healthcare Children’s Foundation (UHCCF)
A 501(c)(3) charitable organization that provides medical grants to help children gain access to health-related services not covered, or not fully covered, by their parents’ commercial health insurance plan. Families can receive up to $5,000 annually per child ($10,000 lifetime maximum per child). **See your Social Worker for assistance with application**
Website: www.uhccf.org

Vascular Birthmarks Foundation
An international charitable organization that connects families affected by a vascular birthmark, tumor, or syndrome with the appropriate medical professionals. Provides information to families, sponsors physician education programs, mobilizes medical missions trips, and supports research and initiatives that promote acceptance for individuals with birthmarks.
Phone: 877-VBF-4646
Website: www.birthmark.org