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## February 28th, 2021 marks the fourteenth Rare Disease Day!

Rare Disease Day takes place on the last day of February each year. The main objective of Rare Disease Day is to raise awareness among the general public and decision-makers about rare diseases and their impact on patients' lives.

1000 Doctors in 1 day! Get involved!

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Dear BCM Families,

Our event during 2021 Rare Disease Day will focus on **spreading awareness** on our condition.

We all know that, because BCM is a rare genetic disease, most Clinicians do not know enough about it, which leads to a long time between detecting symptoms and determining a correct **diagnosis**.

Although we are rare, we still have the power to help change all of this. That is why, on the 28th of February, we invite you all to **contact 5 local ophthalmologists** in your area and mail or email them the flyers you can find here!

With more than 200 families involved in BCMFF, we can reach, in 1 day, 1,000 doctors worldwide!

- 1) **Download the BCMFF flyers** and the Brochure available on the website here;
- 2) Select 5 local ophthalmologists;
- 3) Before February 28th, **send the flyers** via e-mail or via mail to the chosen hospitals/ophthalmologists.

Not sure how to contact or where to find information on local ophthalmologists? Check the AAO and AOA pages here for US ophthalmologists!

https://secure.aao.org/aao/find-ophthalmologist?zip=20028

https://www.aoa.org/healthy-eyes/find-a-doctor?sso=y

For other countries, it is easy to find ophthalmologists! You just need to search the web for specific webpages. For example, here is a list of ophthalmologists in France:

https://les-numeros-medicaux.fr/ophtalmologue/

Thank you!

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