



Every year in New Zealand, approximately 700 babies are born preterm (before 32 weeks gestation), and globally around one in 10 babies are born early (around 15 million babies every year).

Perinatal research is focussed on the health issues affecting a baby from 28 weeks gestation to a week after delivery, and is vital for improving outcomes for babies born early.

Cure Kids have a long history of funding crucial perinatal research, including ways to reduce the impacts of low blood sugar, and improving nutrition in the previous first five days of life.

We are proud to currently be funding just under \$1 million in perinatal research.

[Learn more about Cure Kids funded perinatal research](#)

Born at 29 weeks and five days, Cure Kids ambassador Jeremy was one of the approximately 700 babies in New Zealand born preterm in 2012.



When Jeremy arrived much earlier than expected, his parents and family were naturally very anxious about their little one and his future.

Jeremy's dad Franky, who moved to New Zealand from China when he was 17 years;

"Everything happens to our lives for a reason and mine is to keep fighting it with Jeremy. When he was born preterm, at 29 weeks and 5 days, as a migrant family, we did not know what to do.

We're fortunate to have access to such an amazing healthcare system here in New Zealand. Without the advances in technology and improvement in medical care for preterm babies, I just can't imagine what might have happened to Jeremy and other preterm babies.

We are all in this together, not only for Jeremy but also other hundreds of preterm babies every year in New Zealand."

[Donate to help fund research for kids like Jeremy](#)

Cure Kids Research Showcase



We are thrilled to be holding the inaugural Cure Kids Research Showcase on April 10th, in Auckland.

Join us and hear from some of New Zealand's brightest researchers as they share their exciting Cure Kids funded projects that have only been made possible thanks to the support of generous New Zealanders like you.

Some of the topics that will be covered include:

- How researchers are using 'big data' to lower the risk of sudden unexpected death in infancy (SUDI)
- A novel intervention to try and reduce the large number of hospital admissions for the respiratory condition bronchiolitis
- The process of making tooth-coloured crowns to improve dental health in children.

If you, or your Auckland-based friends or family would like to join us for this special event, please reply to this email to find out more. For those of you who can't attend, we will be recording the event and will send out a link for you to watch.

[Find out more and RSVP](#)

Farewell our beautiful ambassador Katie



It is with tremendous sadness that we share the passing of our treasured ambassador Katie, who passed away peacefully this week.

Katie, who was diagnosed with a currently incurable neurodegenerative disease, at age three, and her family have been incredibly brave during the toughest of times.

Katie, who was 9, and her family have been an important part of Cure Kids for a number of years, and incredible supporters of the research we fund into Batten disease.

Many of you met Katie and her family, and were touched by their moving story. Katie was a delightful, gorgeous little girl and she will continue to inspire us every day to find better treatments and cures for conditions like Batten disease.



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