# Late Onset Pompe Symptoms (LOPD)

#### Head and shoulders

Muscle weakness in eyes

Dropped eye lids

Morning headaches

Sleep apnoea

Difficulty swallowing

Difficulty clearing airway after eating

Weak cough

Difficulty clearing throat

Speaking voice changed, volume, texture

Impaired alertness

#### Arms and hands

Arms feeling very heavy

Difficulty lifting arms above shoulder height

Difficulty lifting objects

Weak grip

#### Body

Protruding stomach

Muscle weakness in mid section

Continence issues

**Bowel** issues

Bladder frequency/leakage

Difficulty bending and straightening

Respiratory Insufficiency/failure

Difficulty breathing when led down/reclining

## Hips and legs

Difficulty getting up from a seated position

Muscle cramps

Difficulty bending and straightening

Difficulty climbing stairs

Weaker front thigh muscles

Unsteady when standing for longer periods

Waddling gait

Struggling to walk

Thicker calf muscles

Tightness in calf muscles

Pain when standing for short/long periods

Unsteadiness when turning round

Difficulty lifting foot

Dropped foot, sometimes feels heavy/sags

### General well being

Feeling tired/total exhaustion

Temperature regulation - Feeling hot/cold

Tremors - feeling shaky

Limbs feeling heavy

Limited mobility when bending/stretching

Mental health - depression/anxiety

# Test results

Low oxygen levels

Raised CO2 levels

Raised Creatine Kinase (CK) levels





Glycogen Storage Disease (2)
Pompe Disease

Pompe is a metabolic, degenerative muscle wasting condition that can affect every or any muscle in the body. It is an inherited genetic condition caused by the lack of the GAA enzyme which inhibits the breakdown of Glycogen causing muscles to fail.



Everyone with Late Onset Pompe has a range of symptoms that may manifest at any time in their life. We are born with Pompe it is not caught and is not a lifestyle choice

The list of Pompe symptoms is only a guide and has been collated from the world wide Pompe family.

# **Treatment and Support**

**Enzyme Replacement Therapy** 

Dietitian - High protein, low carb, low sugar diet

Metabolic Consultant

**Respiratory Consultant** 

Physiotherapist - Exercise to 70% sub maximal

Counselling - Mental Health

