



What is PFAPA?

“**PFAPA**” is an acronym for **P**eriodic **F**ever, **A**phthous stomatitis, **P**haryngitis and **A**denitis. This condition is one of a group of

If you have been referred to us because of suspicion that you or your child may have a fever syndrome such as PFAPA, this does NOT mean that you or your child have amyloidosis.

Very understandably, some patients and family members may become concerned when they are referred to us, for the following reasons:

1. We are based at the National Amyloidosis Centre (NAC), at the Royal Free Hospital.
2. Our consultants are specialists in amyloidosis as well as fever syndromes.

It is true that a few patients with longstanding, untreated periodic fever syndromes may eventually, after many years, develop amyloidosis.

However for the vast majority of our patients:

1. Referral to us is for the purposes of diagnosis and treatment of a fever syndrome.
2. Amyloidosis is not suspected at any time in the course of their illness.
3. Amyloidosis can be easily prevented by appropriate treatment.

