

Practitioner Letter

Dear Health Practitioner,

The signs and symptoms that your patient is presenting with may be consistent with Fibromuscular Dysplasia (FMD). As you may know, Fibromuscular dysplasia (FMD) is a non-atherosclerotic non-inflammatory vascular disease that primarily affects women from age 20 to 60, but also can occur in infants, children, men, and the elderly. It most commonly affects the renal and carotid arteries, but has been observed in almost every artery in the body.

FMD is considered a rare condition and thus is often under-diagnosed and poorly understood due to the scant amount of information available. However, current research now suggests that FMD is much more common than previously thought, and may affect as many as 4% of adult women. New data collected through the United States Registry for Fibromuscular Dysplasia has enabled researchers to have a better understanding of this disease.

Data from the Registry along with other research results are available to assist you and your patient in the diagnosis and management of FMD. While having the symptoms consistent with FMD does not always mean a patient has FMD, it may constitute further evaluation by a practitioner familiar with the disease.

For more information about Fibromuscular Dysplasia, you can contact us at (216) 834-2410 or via the web at www.fmdsa.org

Sincerely,

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