
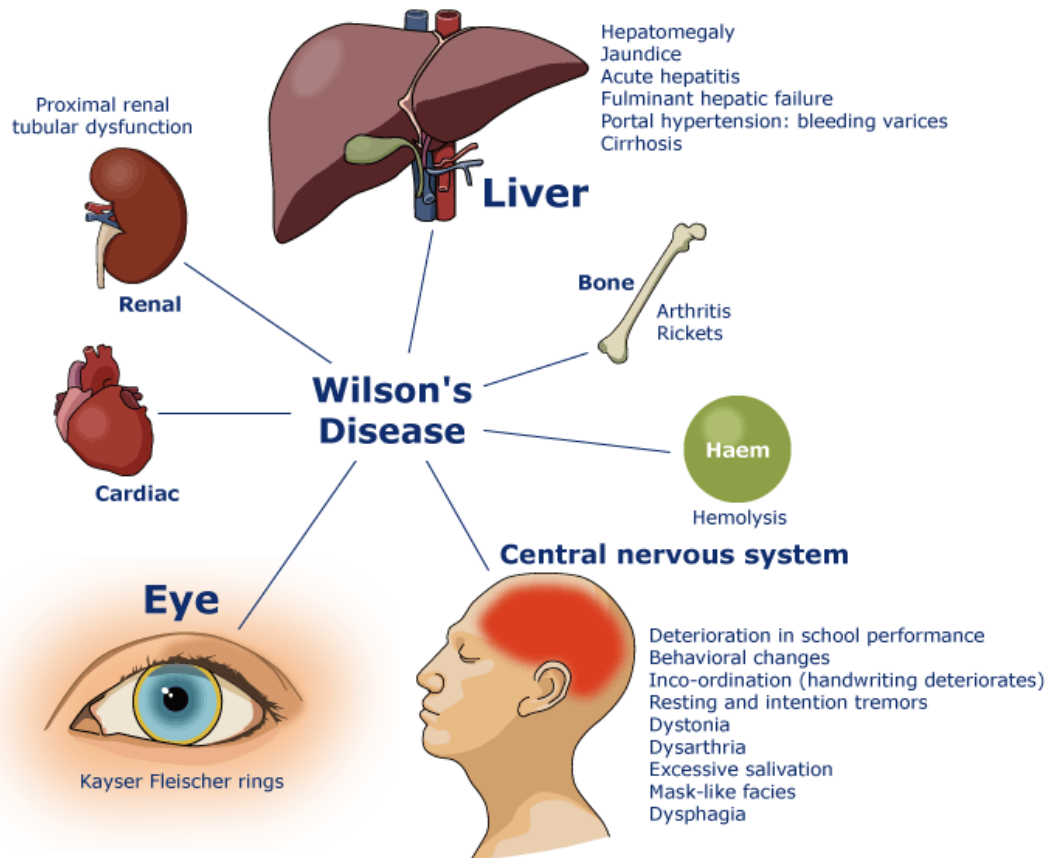


What is Wilson's disease ?


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Wilson's disease is an inherited condition in which copper is not excreted properly from the body. The excess copper can build up in the liver and/or brain causing liver damage and/or neurological problems. It can also collect in other parts of the body including the eyes and the kidneys.

Copper begins to accumulate immediately after birth but the symptoms usually appear in the 2nd to 3rd decade. The first signs are hepatic (liver) in about 40% of cases, neurological (brain) in about 35% of cases and psychiatric, renal (kidney), haematological (blood), or endocrine (glands) in the remainder.



- Wilson's disease for younger people
- Wilson's disease for patients and families

What is Wilson's disease?

What are the signs and symptoms of Wilson's disease?

Metabolic pathway of copper

How have I or my child got this condition?

How does this occur?

Diagnostic tests for Wilson's disease

What is the treatment?

Treatment compliance

Pregnancy

Is carrier detection available?

Glossary of terms used