



# Our Charter

## Early Intervention and Lifelong Care for Cauda Equina Syndrome

### Mission

The CES Initiative exists to transform the global understanding, diagnosis, and care of Cauda Equina Syndrome (CES) through lived experience, education, and collaboration.

We unite patients, healthcare professionals, researchers, and advocates worldwide to raise awareness, reduce diagnostic delays, and ensure every CES patient receives timely, compassionate, and informed care.

### Vision

A world where Cauda Equina Syndrome is universally understood, rapidly diagnosed, and optimally treated—empowering every individual affected to live with dignity, support, and hope.

### Core Values

#### Early Recognition Saves Lives

We champion global education and awareness to ensure timely diagnosis and intervention—because minutes matter in CES.

#### Equity in Access

We strive for equitable access to accurate information, specialist care, rehabilitation, and support—regardless of geography or socioeconomic status.

#### Patient-Centered Purpose

Our work is grounded in the lived experience of those with CES. Their voices shape our priorities and actions.

#### Collaboration Across Borders

We unite global stakeholders to share knowledge, data, and best practices that improve outcomes.

#### Innovation in Research and Care

We support the advancement of research, diagnostics, treatments, and assistive technologies that improve quality of life.

#### Empowerment Through Education

We empower patients, caregivers, and professionals with the knowledge to act with confidence and compassion.

#### Compassionate Advocacy

We advocate with empathy, amplify underserved voices, and challenge stigma—ensuring CES patients are recognised and respected at every level.

### Principles of Collaboration

#### Leadership and Intellectual Property

All original content, branding, campaigns, and resources developed under the CES Initiative are the intellectual property of the founder, unless otherwise agreed in writing. Use or adaptation requires prior written permission.

#### Scope of Collaboration

We welcome partnerships that align with our mission, including:

- Joint awareness campaigns
- Research and data sharing
- Training and education initiatives
- Policy engagement
- International community building

All collaborations must respect our vision, uphold ethical standards, and maintain transparency.

#### Branding and Representation

The CES Initiative name, logo, and messaging may not be used without prior written approval. All partnerships must credit the CES Initiative where appropriate.

#### Boundaries and Integrity

The Initiative retains its independence and direction. Partners may not alter the intent or message of CES content. We reserve the right to withdraw from any partnership where misuse occurs.

#### Confidentiality and Respect

All discussions, proposals, or materials shared in collaboration are confidential unless explicitly agreed otherwise. Interactions must always be respectful, inclusive, and constructive.

#### Agreement and Review

By collaborating with the CES Initiative, all parties agree to the terms of this charter. This document will be reviewed and updated as needed to reflect evolving goals.

### Join the Initiative

Whether you are a patient, clinician, policymaker, or advocate—your voice matters. Together, we can drive meaningful change in the diagnosis, care, and lived experience of those affected by Cauda Equina Syndrome.

For further engagement, contribution or endorsement, please contact the CES Initiative directly.

For questions, permissions, or to propose a collaboration, please contact:

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