



# Cystic Fibrosis

Speaker David Wagner

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# Learning Objectives:

- ▶ Describe cystic fibrosis through the eyes of a patient.
- ▶ Learn about the draft federal bill called “David’s Law”.
- ▶ Understand the need for students with cystic fibrosis to be able to self-carry enzymes on their person while at school as allowable by state policy.

# Speaker Bio: David Wagner



David Wagner is a nursing assistant/home health aide on the national register and residing in the state of Minnesota. He has home care training to work with patients and families of patients with cystic fibrosis. He is currently working as a nursing assistant/home health aide and has been working in this field for over 19 years with the same company. He is the founder of the National Cystic Fibrosis Pen Pal Club and Support Group. The group provides support for anyone needing help with understanding CF as well as giving them advice as needed. The group currently has over 1,000 members from almost every state in America. David is a cystic fibrosis patient himself and has other major medical issues but takes each day with a grain of salt. His national group got 1 million phone calls last year their 24 hour hotline for all needing help with cystic fibrosis. This webinar will show his enthusiasm for educating the nation on CF.

# David's Law



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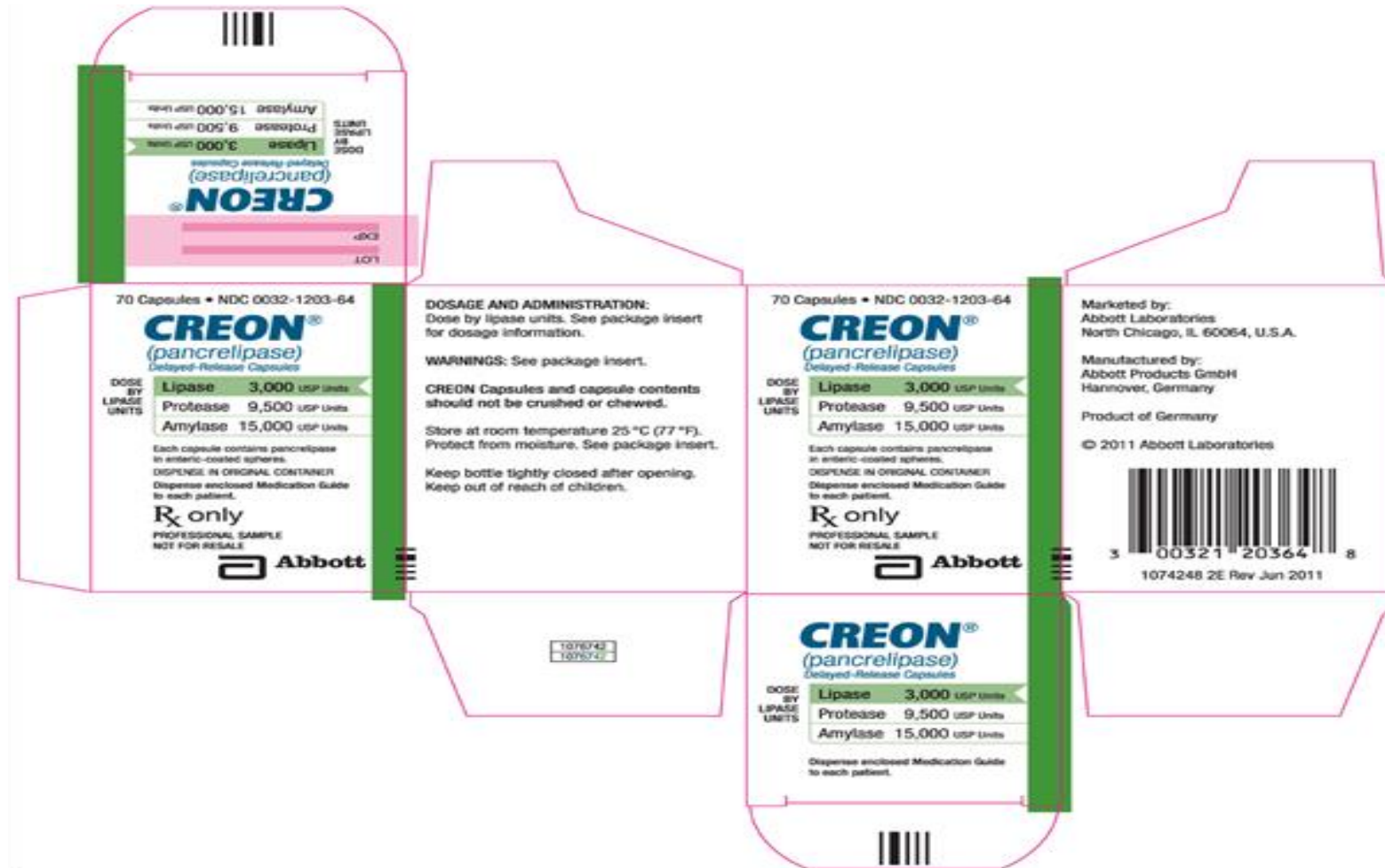
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Children with Cystic Fibrosis are required to take supplemental pancreatic enzymes before meals. These enzymes allow the student to digest food properly. Currently, the law states, each student must go to the nurse's office, each day. The nurse then administers the medication to the student. This is a time consuming process, which takes forces the student to leave class early or miss part of the [lunch](#) hour. This inhibits the student's ability to either learn or have adequate time to finish lunch. This is also becoming problematic, due to budget cuts in the schools. Some schools are eliminating full-time nurses, which would make it impossible for students to take their medication each day.

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Some schools have passed laws that allow students to carry medication such as over over-the-counter pain relief medications. The main impetus for the current restrictions is to insure the safety of the students by keeping controlled substances (such as prescription medications) out of the hallways and classrooms of the school.



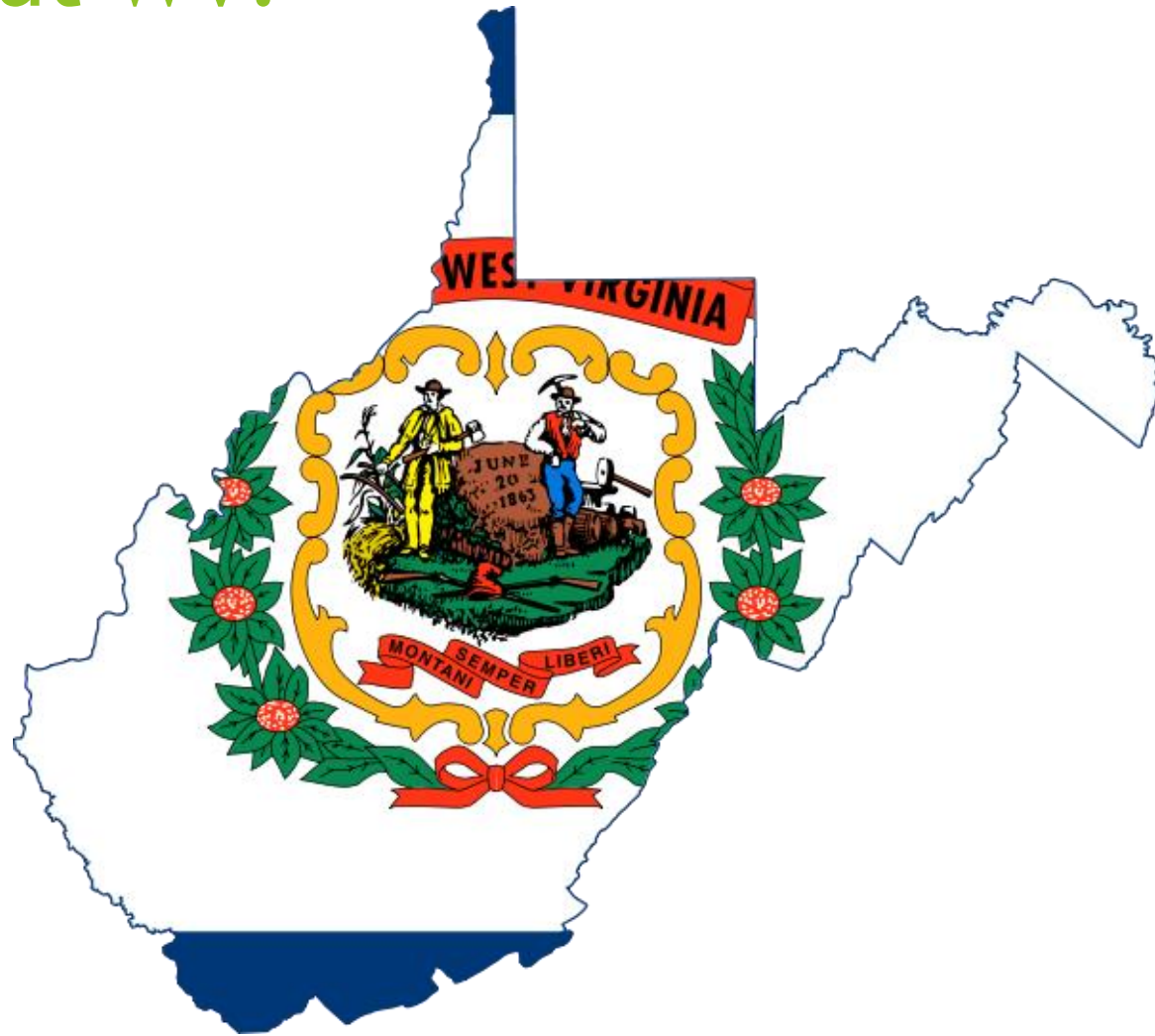
However, the danger of someone taking un-prescribed pancreatic enzymes is negligible.

We believe students who have Cystic Fibrosis and require pancreatic enzymes before meals, with a Doctor's note, should be able to carry and administer their own medication. If the student demonstrates understanding and compliance with the prescribed dosage, before the school nurse, the student should be free to carry and administer the medication.

If you agree, please sign this petition and contact your lawmakers both state and federal, so David's Law will become law as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or want to help the cause, please contact David Wagner's Cystic Fibrosis Hotline at **612-282-1211**

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