

## Media Release

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# New series shines a light on rare genetic conditions

### **A new LinkedIn video series will follow six Aussie families with rare genetic conditions, as they search for answers.**

Patrick's body can't absorb protein. Josh has breathing problems that doctors dismiss as behavioural. Selima will make a shocking discovery at her son's hospital bed.

Diagnosis Day features children and adults with hard-to-diagnose conditions. Over seven episodes, their families will search for answers, accept heartbreaking news, and ultimately find community.

The series is produced by the Melbourne Genomics Health Alliance and the Genetic Support Network of Victoria (GSNV), with filming by Aspire Pictures and funding from the Victorian Government.

Professor Clara Gaff of Melbourne Genomics said: "More than two million Australians live with rare diseases, most of which are genetic. We wanted to highlight their experience of diagnosis, which is what drives our mission to make genomic testing part of routine healthcare."

Monica Ferrie of GSNV added: "It's vital that lived experience informs the rollout of genomic medicine. This series shows how important it is to recognise that – while every family has a different story – we need to provide information in an accessible, timely and empathetic way, and connect people to support services as soon as they are ready."

Each episode of Diagnosis Day highlights a different aspect of the families' journey: from initial tests to receiving a diagnosis, seeking information, finding community support, and ultimately offering advice to other families in similar situations.

[Watch the trailer for Diagnosis Day.](#)

*Diagnosis Day premieres on Thursday 27 October 2022. Episodes will be released weekly on LinkedIn and can also be viewed at **[DiagnosisDay.org.au](https://www.diagnosisday.org.au)**.*

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