



MEN 1 Website Animation Transcript

DANIEL:

Hello, I'm Daniel. And I've got something called MEN.

There are different types of MEN with different numbers, and I've got the first kind - MEN1.

Hey!

Here's what I know.

Inside everyone's body are lots of things called 'glands'. These glands make hormones - the chemical messengers that travel through our blood.

Your glands make sure just the right messages get through to tell your cells what to do.

This is a Pituitary Gland. He sends the messages that tell your body how to grow.

To help them work hard, our glands are always making new cells.

But sometimes, these new cells gang up into a lump. That's what happens with MEN1.

These lumps stop your glands doing their job properly. Because the messages get confused, you can feel weird in loads of different ways.

Doctors can test your hormones to see if you have too much or not enough

Or take special pictures called scans, to look inside your body.

When they know what to do, there are different kinds of medicines they can give you to help your glands get back to normal.

If they want to really show it who's boss, they might do an operation.

It might seem a bit scary at first. But the doctors are experts.

And the sooner they start, the easier it is to get better.

I inherited MEN1 from my mum.

But even though I'll always have MEN1, I know there are loads of people keeping an eye on me to make sure I stay healthy.

I can still do all the things I love.

And if ever I feel worried, I know I will feel happier if I just talk to someone.

GRAPHIC TEXT: But what about MEN2?

DANIEL: If you want to find out all about MEN 2, just watch Lisa's film.