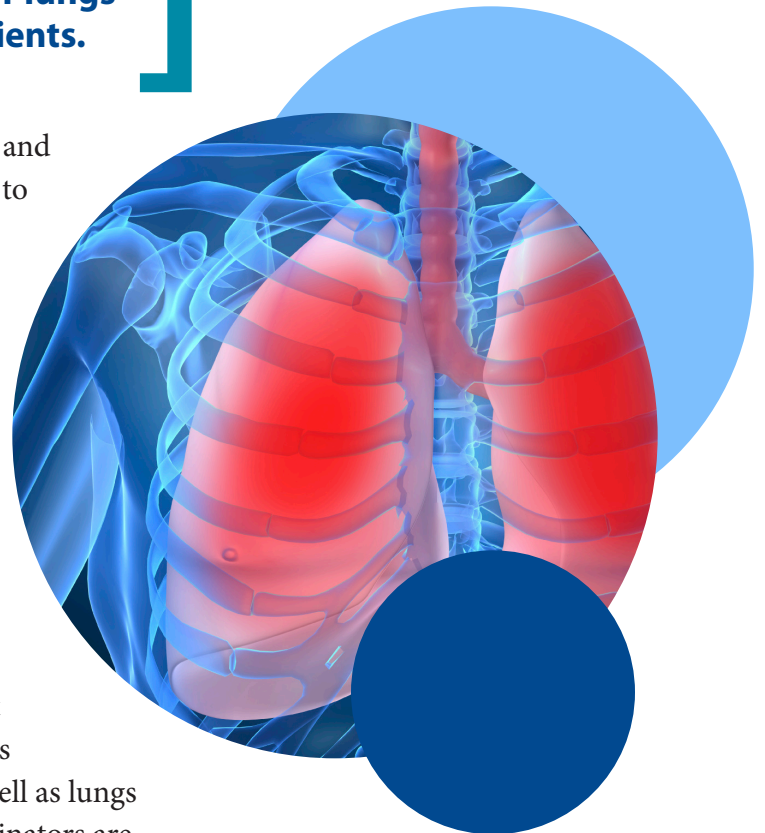


## **Cystic Fibrosis:** **There is a critical research need for lungs and tissue from cystic fibrosis patients.**

The National Disease Research Interchange and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation are working to expand access to donated lungs and tissues of cystic fibrosis patients in support of promising new research efforts.

Cystic fibrosis (CF) affects tens of thousands of children and adults in the United States. A defective gene causes the body to produce unusually thick mucus that leads to life-threatening infections in the lungs and obstructs the pancreas and prevents normal digestion.

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