

Talking points

- Patient organizations from around the world have come together to support the annual global HAE awareness day, the **hae day :-)** taking place 16 May 2018
- HAE (Hereditary Angioedema) is a disease that causes significant swelling to various parts of the body, resulting in pain and disfiguration, and can be life-threatening in the case of throat attacks
- HAE is rare, and is thought to still affect up to as many as 1 in every 10,000 people worldwide
- [Insert local statistic if available]
- On average it can take about 13 years for a patient to be diagnosed with HAE as the symptoms are similar to those of many other common conditions such as allergies or appendicitis
- By the time HAE is diagnosed correctly, the patient has often seen a number of physicians, may have undergone unnecessary operations and could have felt a major impact on his or her quality of life
- [Insert information on local treatment centers]
- On the global **hae day :-)** and during the weeks around it, patient organizations from all over the world will band together to support the HAE community by participating in a number of awareness and fund-raising activities
- The 2018 **hae day :-)** coincides with patients, relatives, caregivers, and people from the industry walking part of the ancient pilgrimage *Jakobsweg* route through Vienna, Austria where the fourth HAE Global Conference is taking place 17-20 May 2018.
- The aim of the 2018 **hae day :-)** is to raise worldwide awareness of the potentially life threatening disease HAE among the general public and medical community, to help ensure patients receive faster, more accurate diagnosis and the care they deserve to enable them to lead a healthy life
- [Include information on what you will be doing to support the 2017 **hae day :-)**]
- The **hae day :-)** is organized by HAEi, the international patient organization dedicated to raising awareness of C1 inhibitor deficiencies around the world
- HAEi is a non-profit international network of presently 61 national HAE patient organizations across the globe
- HAEi is established to promote cooperation, coordination and information sharing between HAE specialists and national HAE patient associations in order to help facilitate global availability of effective diagnosis and management of C1 inhibitor deficiencies
- Visit www.haeday.org to find out more
- [Include address of national HAE website if available]