

# ***4th International Conference on Esophageal Atresia: “Coming Together”***

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**Working together for enhanced outcomes  
- the Patient Groups’ Role**

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***EAT – The Federation of Esophageal Atresia and  
Tracheo-esophageal fistula Support Groups)***

# EAT: How we help overwhelmed new parents, brave EA kids, teens and adults

- ✦ More than 2000 families
- ✦ Each week new families join our member associations
- ✦ International: Australia, UK, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, NL, France, Canada, Italy, Turkey, Belgium
- ✦ HQ: Stuttgart, Germany



# EAT: working with you, the medical professionals

2016: Supporting ERNICA

2015: Establishing the EAT Medical Advisory Committee

2014: Presenting our PROM findings at the 3rd International EA Conference in Rotterdam

2012: Introducing EAT at the 2nd International EA Conference in Montreal

2011: EAT is formally founded

2010: Patient Groups attend the 1st International EA Conference in Lille



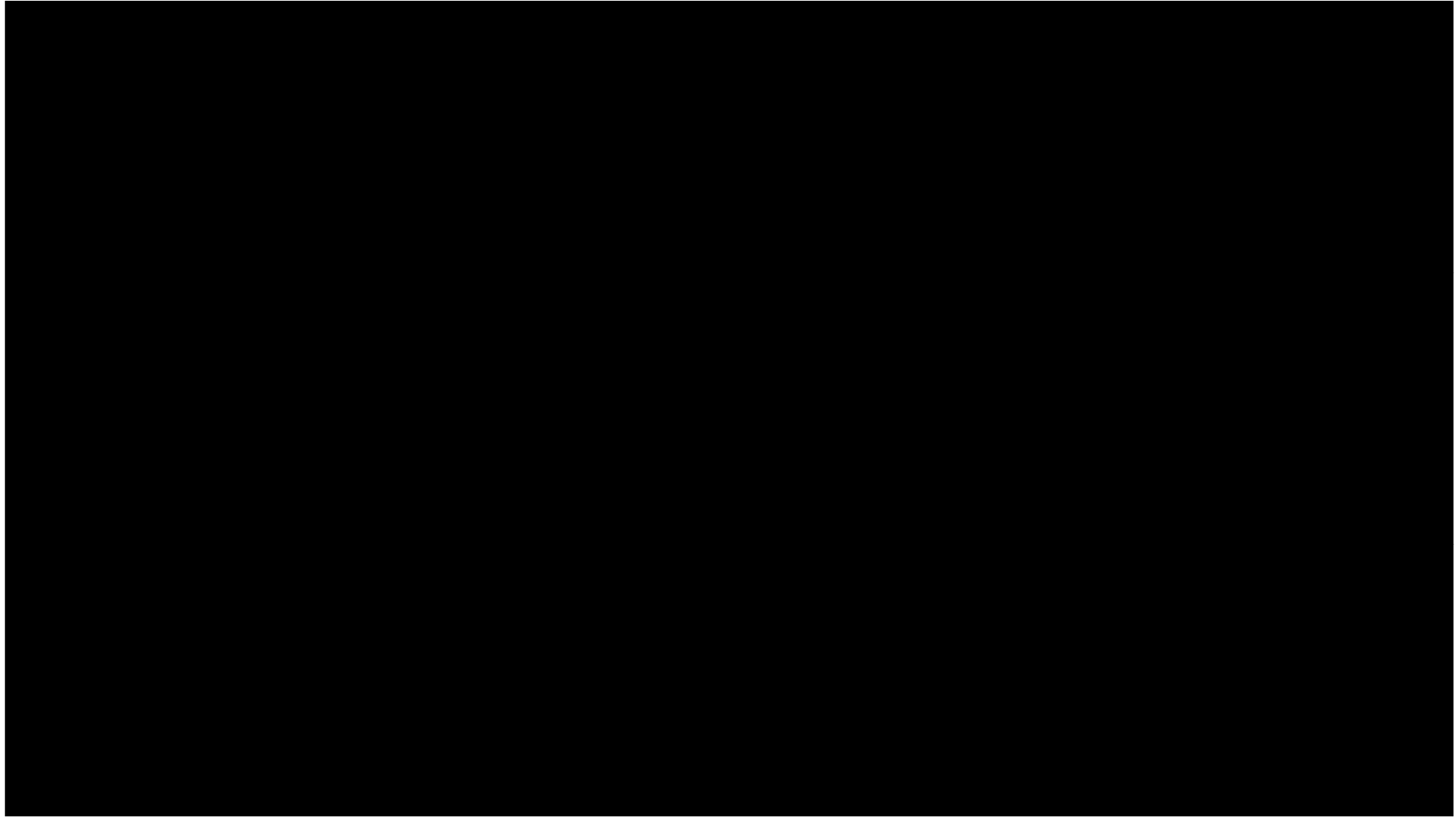
# Key support initiatives

## *Current:*

- Fund x 2 **OA Nurses** at Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne
- **OARA State Representatives** (x6) liaise with new OA/TOF families, often visiting whilst in hospital, and providing them with **brochure packs** containing info on OA/TOF – new transition-to-adulthood brochure currently under development
- **Educational videos** – to be shared with employers, schools, caregivers in order to educate re: OA/TOF
- Fund **research projects** and fund OA Nurses to continually update the **Nate Myers Database** at RCH Melb
- **TOARA Bear, Celebrity patron** and **National Catch-Up Day** (each November) to broaden awareness of OA/TOF

## *Future:*

- **Expand OA Nurse network around Australia – currently seeking interested nursing professionals!**
- **Expand Nate Myers Database** to collect data nationally
- **Cookbook/recipes** specifically designed for OA/TOF patients
- **Medical directory of specialists/healthcare providers** who have worked with OA/TOF patients before
- **OA/TOF clinics** in all major children's and adult hospitals i.e. Patient goes to one clinic and sees a range of specialists in one visit
- **Funding international research** projects



EAT: Our message at this congress to you, the international medical community...

Not only are we

*“Coming together”*

but we value

*“Working Together”*



***We look forward to meeting and speaking with you***