

Keshan disease

Keshan disease is a juvenile endemic **cardiomyopathy**, that occurred in some areas of China between 1960 and 1970 as a result of dietary **selenium** deficiency. Symptoms of Keshan disease were first described in the Keshan area of Heilongjiang Province (Northeast China).

A large proportion of those affected by Keshan's disease have died as a result of:

- heart failure
- pulmonary edema.

Dietary supplementation has become a very effective prevention after the cause of the disease has been revealed.^[1] ^[2]

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