

NATIONAL
EPIDERMOLYSIS
BULLOSA
AWARENESS WEEK



WHAT IS EPIDERMOLYSIS BULLOSA (EB)?

A rare, genetic **connective tissue disorder** with multiple variations, all sharing the prominent symptom of **extremely fragile skin** that blisters and tears with the slightest friction.

Wounds caused by EB may be widespread, heal slowly and are prone to life-threatening infections.

75% of one's body may be covered in bandages due to EB.

Some typical complications may include infection, anemia, growth retardation, inability to swallow, corneal abrasions, cancer, contractures, depression, anxiety, malnutrition, and premature tooth decay.

EB can occur in every racial and ethnic group and affects both sexes. Approximately **200 children are born** with EB every year in the United States. This equates to 1 in 20,000 births.

There is no treatment or cure for EB, but tremendous strides are being made in therapy development. As of May 2021, one treatment for EB is on the verge of approval and 3 gene therapies are in the final stages of development.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Visit **debra.org** to learn more about EB.

Help fuel debra of America's mission to improve the quality of life of all people living with EB by donating at **debra.org/give**.

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