

NATIONAL EPIDERMOLYSIS BULLOSA AWARENESS WEEK

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What is Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB)?

A group of rare disorders caused by a mutation in one of 18 genes. People with EB share the lifelong challenge of **extremely fragile skin that blisters and tears from minor friction or trauma.**

Wounds caused by EB may be widespread, heal slowly, and are prone to life-threatening infections. **50% 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 cure for EB but there are treatments that help alleviate some of the most debilitating symptoms of certain types of EB.

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