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EPIDERMOLYSIS BULLOSA
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WHAT IS EPIDERMOLYSIS BULLOSA (EB)?

A life-threatening rare genetic 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 genders equally. **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 researchers are making tremendous strides in developing therapies. As of today, there are 4 gene therapy clinical trials in progress.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

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