NATIONAL EPIDERMOLYSIS BULLOSA AWARENESS WEEK

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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 June 2022, the first drug for EB was approved in the European Union.

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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