



debra of America Wound Care Drive Toolkit

Thank you for downloading debra of America's Wound Care Drive Toolkit! You can help meet the basic health care needs of children and adults with EB and directly improve their quality of life by organizing a wound care drive. Invite your family, friends, co-workers and community members to join in on collecting over-the-counter supplies! This toolkit will provide you with the resources you need to do this, including:

- Flyers to advertise and educate others about your drive
- Tips for a successful drive
- List of needed items
- Wound care drive signs for collection boxes/bins/tables
- Info sheet on how to collect and deliver items

For more information, please feel free to contact us at woundcare@debra.org or call us at 212-868-1573, ext. 104





What is EB?

debra of America

is the only national non-profit dedicated to supporting research for a cure or treatment while providing programs and services to those who suffer from EB and their families.

Our mission is to alleviate the inherent daily stress of living with EB, because the cost of doing nothing is too great.



Epidermolysis Bullosa (ep-i-der-mo-lie-sis bu-low-suh), or EB, is a group of rare genetic connective tissue disorders. The most prominent and well-known characteristic is extremely fragile skin that blisters and tears with the slightest friction. Internal organs and bodily systems can also be affected. EB is always painful, often pervasive and debilitating, and is in some cases lethal before the age of 30. The list of secondary complications is long and requires interventions from a range of medical specialists. EB can occur in every racial and ethnic group, and affects both genders equally. As of today, there is no cure or treatment.

EB is not contagious. It is far more likely a child with EB will be accidentally harmed by their peers than inflict damage.

EB is painful. Wounds caused by EB heal slowly and are prone to life threatening infections.

EB is debilitating. Repeated injury and the resulting scarring lead to deformity and loss of function in the hands, feet, and mouth.

EB is pervasive. It affects the internal organs as well as the eyes, nose, mouth, throat and anus. Some typical complications are: infection, anemia, growth retardation, inability to swallow, corneal abrasions, cancer, contractures, depression, anxiety, malnutrition & premature tooth decay.

Do you care for someone with EB?

It's ok to touch.

EB is not contagious, so as long as others are careful of their sensitive skin they can hold hands, hug, and play with EB children.

Be careful of their skin. Damage is caused by friction or trauma. Be careful not to snatch items from, bump, or grab a person who has EB.

They may have dietary restrictions. Children with EB may have difficulty swallowing because of blistering and scarring in the mouth and throat. It is best to offer them soft food options. Ice cream is usually a favorite!

EB does not affect them mentally. Though EB can have devastating physical and emotional impact, children with this disease have the same mental development as others their age.

They are the same as other children. Children with EB may look different, but they have the same likes, dislikes, fears and hopes as other kids their age. It is important they are included as part of the group.





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debra of America's mission is to improve the quality of life for all people living in the United States with EB, their families, and caregivers through free programs and services while funding research to find a cure and treatments for Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB).

What is the Wound Care Distribution Program?

Daily wound care and protective bandaging are the only treatment options available for people with EB. These specialized, non-adherent bandages and other necessary supplies can have a retail cost in excess of \$10,000 per month. In many cases, private insurance, Medicaid or Medicare does not cover the entire amount. debra of America's Wound Care Distribution Program provides vital wound care supplies at no cost to those in need, ensuring that all those suffering with EB have the best possible chance of treating themselves with proper wound care.

TYPES OF WOUND CARE SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTED



18%

OINTMENTS
& TOPICALS



42%

SPECIALIZED
BANDAGES



29%

ROLLED GAUZE
& NETTING



11%

MISCELLANEOUS



34,211

TOTAL
PIECES OF WOUND
CARE DISTRIBUTED



Tips for a Successful Wound Care Drive

***CREATE A GOAL.** First, determine how large in scope you want your drive to be, how much wound care you want to collect and how many people you'd like to get involved. Develop ways to track your progress.

***CHOOSE A LOCATION.** Location is key. Pick one or two places that are centrally located. Ask local businesses if they are willing to help! Some ideas may include:

- Schools
- Clubs, sport teams
- Offices
- Churches
- Pharmacies
- Grocery Stores
- Fire stations
- Coffee Shops

***SELECT START AND END DATES.** You can gear up for one day of collections, or the drive may last a week or even a month!

***GET OTHERS INVOLVED.** Ask friends, neighbors, colleagues to volunteer with you to help plan and execute the drive.

***SPREAD THE WORD!** Announce your drive on social media and post notices within the community. Use the flyers/brochures provided in this kit to spread the word.

***HAVE FUN.** If hosting a drive at your school, office or with a team, consider a friendly competition in between classes, departments, or groups!

***PRESENT CLEARLY.** Label the collection bins clearly and/or have someone available to answer questions on the day of your collection.

***POST A RECAP.** Make sure to update your participants on the total number of wound care supplies collected, and how many people donated! Most importantly:

Thank everyone for helping out!





Wound Care Collection

Most Needed Over-the-Counter Items

Aquaphor
Bacitracin
Neosporin
Polysporin
Paper tape
Rolled Gauze
Rubber Gloves
Vaseline
Vaseline Gauze
Wound Cleanser



Wound Care Supply Drive

Help make a difference in the lives of people living
with and affected by Epidermolysis Bullosa by
contributing wound care!

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Rubber Gloves
Vaseline
Wound Cleanser



Event Date _____

Time _____

Drop-off Location _____

Benefitting Organization: **debra of America**





Wound Care Drive

Donate Wound Care Supplies

Coordinated by: _____

Dates: _____

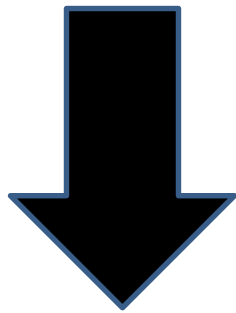
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Wound Care Drive

**Donate
Wound Care
Supplies
HERE**





Wound Care Donation Form

debra of America accepts unused and sealed wound care products to be distributed to the EB Community through our Wound Care Distribution Program. Please complete this Supply Donation form in order for us to process and sort your donation.

#	Product	Size	Amount
1.	<i>Aquaphor</i>	<i>14oz</i>	<i>10 jars</i>
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			

Name _____

Community Group _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Delivery Instructions: Please mail the donated items and donation form to debra of America's office location at 75 Broad Street, Suite 300, New York, NY 10004. Upon request, we will send you pre-paid FedEx shipping labels to ship the donation. Please email woundcare@debra.org with a scanned copy of the donation form to arrange to have labels sent to you.

We greatly appreciate your efforts!