RARE DISEASE FACTS
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RARE DISEASE: Any disease, disorder, illness or condition affecting fewer than 200,000 people in the United States is considered rare.¹

Most rare diseases are genetic or have a genetic component.³

There are approximately 7,000 RARE DISEASES²

It’s estimated that 25-30 MILLION AMERICANS (almost 1 in 10) have rare diseases.⁷

For many rare diseases, signs may be observed at birth or in childhood.⁵

Many rare diseases result in premature deaths of infants and young children, or are fatal in early childhood.⁴

There are more than 500 types of rare cancers.⁶

All pediatric cancers are rare.⁸

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