Oral Health & Rare Disorders
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OUR SPEAKERS

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Pemphigus vs. Pemphigoid

Courtesy of Kim Yancy
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ASK YOUR PATIENTS:

1. Do you have more than one blister or lesion in your mouth?
2. Have your blisters or lesions lasted for more than a week?
3. Have you continually had blisters or lesions that don’t heal?
4. Do you have blisters or lesions in any locations outside the mouth?

If your patient answers YES to 3 or MORE of these questions, a biopsy should be considered.
www.pemphigus.org

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JAMIE SOMMERVILLE // PERSONAL BACKGROUND

• One of eight individuals in my family diagnosed with *X-Linked Hypohidrotic Ectodermal Dysplasia*.
• Received genetic and diagnostic testing through [Invitae](https://invitae.com)
• Missing 12 teeth and have worn dental prosthetics of all kinds
• Received full medical coverage for comprehensive oral treatment

Snapshot taken of my smile demonstrating the effects of Ectodermal Dysplasia. Photo taken after seven years of orthodontic treatment.
Ensuring Lasting Smiles Act (ELSA)
Advocate with the National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias to promote medical coverage for congenital conditions affecting oral health.

Three-year Dental Journey
Read more about my personal journey of working with medical insurance for coverage for a “dental” procedure.

Ozark Prosthodontics
Specialists in oral health conditions who advocate on patient’s behalf for medical coverage.
Invitae
Invitae’s mission is to bring comprehensive genetic information into mainstream medicine to improve healthcare for billions of people.

Department of Managed Healthcare, CA (DMHC)
The DMHC is the insurance regulatory agency for the state of CA. I filed an Independent Medical Review that ultimately led to the approval of my treatment.

Advocacy within your health plan
Ask your health plan for information on how to work with their patient advocate services as you walk through the medical coverage process.
Thank you.