



What is a Rare Disease?

Any disease, disorder, illness or condition affecting fewer than 20,000 people in the United States is considered Rare.



The total number of persons in Europe suffering rare diseases is estimated at over **30 million** (6% to 8 % of the European population), which equates to more than **280,000 people in Ireland living with a rare disease.**

7,000 Rare Diseases exist; with less than 500 FDA-approved treatments.

Only **5%** of Rare Diseases have treatments.

Patients with Rare Diseases are frequently misdiagnosed or undiagnosed

80% of Rare Diseases are genetic in origin.



75 % of Rare Disease affect children and **30%** of rare disease patients die before the age of 5





There are only **200-300 treatments** approved in Europe for Rare Diseases; however, **most rare diseases have no cure**, so living with a rare disease is an ongoing learning experience for patients and their families.



1 in 17 people will live with a rare disease at some point in their life.



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