

10 FOR ADULTS Warning Signs of Primary Immunodeficiency

Primary Immunodeficiency (PI) causes children and adults to have infections that come back frequently or are unusually hard to cure. 1:500 persons are affected by one of the known Primary Immunodeficiencies. If you or someone you know is affected by two or more of the following Warning Signs, speak to a physician about the possible presence of an underlying Primary Immunodeficiency.

- 1** Two or more new ear infections within 1 year.
- 2** Two or more new sinus infections within 1 year, in the absence of allergy.
- 3** One pneumonia per year for more than 1 year.
- 4** Chronic diarrhea with weight loss.
- 5** Recurrent viral infections (colds, herpes, warts, condyloma).
- 6** Recurrent need for intravenous antibiotics to clear infections.
- 7** Recurrent, deep abscesses of the skin or internal organs.
- 8** Persistent thrush or fungal infection on skin or elsewhere.
- 9** Infection with normally harmless tuberculosis-like bacteria.
- 10** A family history of PI.

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