

10 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** Four or more new ear infections within 1 year.
- 2** Two or more serious sinus infections within 1 year.
- 3** Two or more months on antibiotics with little effect.
- 4** Two or more pneumonias within 1 year.
- 5** Failure of an infant to gain weight or grow normally.
- 6** Recurrent, deep skin or organ abscesses.
- 7** Persistent thrush in mouth or fungal infection on skin.
- 8** Need for intravenous antibiotics to clear infections.
- 9** Two or more deep-seated infections including septicemia.
- 10** A family history of PI.

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