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.

Most rare diseases are genetic or have a genetic component.

More than 90% of rare diseases are without an FDA-approved treatment.

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

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

There are approximately 7,000 rare diseases.

It’s estimated that 25-30 million Americans (almost 1 in 10) have rare diseases.

There are more than 500 types of rare cancers.

All pediatric cancers are rare.

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