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.1

Most rare diseases are **genetic** or have a genetic component.3



of rare diseases are without an FDAapproved treatment.9



For many rare diseases, signs may be observed at birth or in childhood.5



There are approximately

RARE DISEASES²

It's estimated that

25-30

MILLION AMERICANS

(almost **1 in 10**) have rare diseases.





MANY RARE DISEASES

result in premature deaths of infants and young children, or are fatal in early childhood.4 **PEDIATRIC** are rare.



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