

# 10 Warning Signs Primary Immunodeficiency

## Children up to age 18

If your child has two or more of these signs, ask your doctor about Primary Immunodeficiency. It could save your child's life.

- 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 Primary Immunodeficiency

## Adults

If you have two or more of these signs, speak to your doctor about a possible 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 Primary Immunodeficiency

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