

THE WARNING SIGNS of Primary Immunodeficiencies

Primary Immunodeficiencies (PIDs) cause children and young adults to have infections that come back frequently or are unusually hard to cure. Lack of awareness of these signs means the majority of PID sufferers in Europe are undiagnosed. This leads to persistent suffering, anxious concern by parents and unnecessary healthcare costs. 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 PID.

Eight or more new ear infections within 1 year

Recurrent, deep skin or organ abscesses

Two or more serious sinus infections within 1 year

Persistent thrush in mouth or elsewhere on skin, after age 1

Two or more months on antibiotics with little effect

Need for intravenous antibiotics to clear infections

Two or more pneumonias within 1 year

Two or more deep-seated infections

Failure of an infant to gain weight or grow normally

A family history of primary immunodeficiency

On 5 October 2006 European doctors, nurses, patients, parents and health policy makers united to launch a *Call to Action*, urging EU Governments to combat the suffering caused by Primary Immunodeficiency diseases (PIDs) - suffering mainly caused by misdiagnosis and thus inappropriate treatment.

Developed with the support of the European Commission's Public Health Programme, the *Call to Action* is contained within a Consensus Statement, Recommendations & Report developed by the attendees of the European PID Consensus Conference held at the Paul Ehrlich Institute in June 2006. This conference was attended by representatives from patient and clinician groups, as well as health policy makers, journalists and industry representatives.

All information about the EU PID Consensus Conference, including the EU PID Consensus Statement, Recommendations and Report in ten languages can be found at the conference web site:
www.eupidconference.com.



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