

ABBY, living with RDEB

Not all blisters are the same. Could yours be dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa (DEB)?

JENNY, living with DDEB



What is DEB?

DEB (dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa) is a serious, lifelong genetic disorder. It's caused by a lack of working type VII collagen (type 7 collagen) protein due to mutations in the COL7A1 gene.

DEB can have serious risks and complications.

- People living with DEB are at increased risk for an aggressive form of squamous cell cancer (SCC), a type of skin cancer
- DEB can affect more than the skin. Problems can develop with the mouth, eyes, and organs involved with swallowing, digestion, and urination

DEB diagnosis can be missed or delayed.

DEB can't be diagnosed simply by looking at the skin. Similar symptoms on the skin may cause DEB to be mistaken for another form of epidermolysis bullosa (EB) or a different skin condition. These symptoms can include fragile skin, blisters, wounds, scarring, and nails that can thicken, discolor, and fall off.

Experts recommend **EVERY** patient suspected of having DEB undergo genetic testing.

There's value in knowing if you or a loved one is living with DEB

Knowing if it's DEB can help you or someone you love recognize the risks, get accurate care, and prepare for the future.



Proactive management

Your healthcare team can give more tailored and active care specific to DEB.



A connected community

You can connect with other people and families who are living with DEB to share knowledge, experience, and support.



Comprehensive and proactive risk monitoring

You and your healthcare team can closely watch for risks specific to DEB, including SCC and internal complications.



Family planning

When planning for the future, a genetic counselor can discuss personalized family planning with you.



A clearer future

You can find information and resources specific to DEB.

Your doctor can provide more information about genetic testing

Talking to your doctor is an important first step to confirming your diagnosis. Prepare for your appointment by gathering family history and writing down any symptoms and questions you may have.

Consider asking questions like:

- How can I get a genetic test?
- Will my insurance cover genetic testing?
- How do I provide a sample for testing?
- How long before my test results are ready?
- What are the next steps after I receive my results?

Genetic testing programs may be available to patients at no cost.

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Have your doctor scan the code to the right for more information.

