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Warning Signs of Primary Immunodeficiency for Children

What is Primary Immunodeficiency?

Primary Immunodeficiency (PI) causes children to have infections that come back frequently or are unusually hard to cure. One in 500 persons are affected by one of the known PIs.

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 PI.

- 1 Four or more new ear infections within 1 year.
- 2 Two or more 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 PI.

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