

September 30 is #RareCancerDay

Rare diseases affect more than **30 million Americans**, including hundreds of thousands of rare cancer patients. NORD's Rare Cancer Coalition® is comprised from NORD's Membership Network of more than 330 patient advocacy organizations. Unity in rare disease awareness, advocacy, and education improves outcomes for all patients.

Alone we are rare. Together we are strong.®

RARE CANCER FACTS

Over 1 in 4 cancer diagnoses in the U.S. are rare.¹



All pediatric cancers are rare, and are among the thousands of rare diseases that impact 15 million children in the U.S.²



Rare cancers account for 25% of all cancer deaths.¹



The National Organization for Rare Disorder's (NORD®) Rare Cancer Coalition® recognizes rare cancers among the more than 7,000 known rare diseases, of which fewer than 5% have treatments³. On Rare Cancer Day, join NORD and the Rare Cancer Coalition in the fight to help save lives for all rare disease patients, including those with rare cancers.

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Like other rare diseases, rare cancers can be extremely challenging to diagnose, resulting in **numerous physician visits, misdiagnosis, and substantial delays in diagnosis** that can devastate families emotionally and financially.⁴



Because patient numbers battling a specific rare disease or rare cancer are so small, **expertise, research and development funds are lacking**, yet desperately needed.⁴



One in ten people in the U.S. have a rare disease. Together, that's over 30 million of our loved ones, friends, colleagues, and neighbors.³

From small towns to large cities, rare diseases are an urgent public health challenge and no family is immune.³



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