What is a RARE DISEASE?
Any disease, disorder, illness or condition affecting fewer than 200,000 people in the United States is considered RARE.¹

1 in 10 Americans has a RARE DISEASE
30 million people have a serious, lifelong condition.
More than half are children¹

7,000 RARE DISEASES exist, with less than 500 FDA-approved treatments²

ONLY 5% of RARE DISEASES have treatments.²

Patients with RARE DISEASES are frequently misdiagnosed or undiagnosed.

80% of RARE DISEASES are genetically based.²

Many RARE DISEASES result in premature death of infants & young children or are fatal in early adulthood.²

Families & private foundations provide about 3% of ALL medical research funding in the U.S.⁶
Recently, more than 1/3 of all NEW drugs approved by FDA have been for RARE DISEASES; and 47% in 2015.\(^3\)

and yet... 90% of healthcare providers must treat the majority of RARE DISEASE patients with non-FDA approved drugs.\(^4\)

There are 100 types of cancer. Approximately 50% of people with cancer are battling a RARE cancer. RARE cancers include brain, pancreatic, ovarian, thyroid, and stomach cancers; leukemia and lymphoma; and all pediatric cancers.\(^5\)

There are more Americans who live with a RARE DISEASE than ALL of those who have either HIV, Heart Disease or Stroke.

75% of NORD Members are actively funding RARE DISEASE medical research.\(^7\)

What can you do to help?

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