



RARE DISEASE FACTS

- A disease affecting fewer than 200,000 people in the US is considered rare.
- 1 in 10 people are affected by a rare disease.
- There are more than 10,000 rare diseases.
- >30 million Americans are living with a rare disease.
- There are more than 500 types of rare cancers.
- All pediatric cancers are rare.
- >90% of rare diseases have no FDA-approved treatment.
- Rare diseases impact more people than cancer and AIDs combined.
- 3 of 10 children with a rare disease won't live to see their 5th Birthday.
- 4.8 years is the average time it takes for rare patients to receive an accurate diagnosis.
- October 1st is Rare Cancer Day.
- The 5-year survival rate is lower for people living with a rare cancer than those diagnosed with a more common cancer.
- Approximately 1 in 5 Americans living with cancer are diagnosed with a rare cancer.
 - Additionally, firefighters face a 9 percent increase in cancer diagnosis, and a 14 percent increase in cancer-related deaths.

RARE DISEASE IS NOT SO RARE