

Reference

Information About Primary Immunodeficiencies

Immune Deficiency Foundation

www.primaryimmune.org
(800) 296-4433

The Immune Deficiency Foundation, founded in 1980, is the national non-profit patient organization dedicated to improving the diagnosis and treatment of patients with primary immunodeficiency diseases through research, education and advocacy.

A-T Children's Project

www.atcp.org

The A-T Children's Project is a non-profit organization that raises funds to support and coordinate biomedical research projects, scientific conferences and a clinical center aimed at finding a cure for ataxia-telangiectasia, a lethal genetic disease that attacks children, causing progressive loss of muscle control, cancer and immune system problems.

CGD Café

cgd.cultivatecommunity.com

This is a community supported site that provides a place for family, friends and patients with chronic granulomatous disease to share information, stories and ideas.

The Jeffrey Modell Foundation

www.jmfworld.org
(866) INFO-4-PI

The Jeffrey Modell Foundation is dedicated to early and precise diagnosis, meaningful treatments, and ultimately cures of primary immunodeficiencies.

Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID) Homepage

www.scid.net

This site contains information about SCID with links to journal articles, latest research developments, and patient support.

Understanding XLP

www.xlp.ca

This site provides families and patients with X-linked Lymphoproliferative Disorder (XLP) a means of communication.

National Institute Of Health

U.S. Department Of Health And Human Services: National Institute Of Health (NIH)

www.nih.gov
(301) 496-4000

NIH provides information on advances in health, science and medical issues.

National Cancer Institute (NCI)

www.cancer.gov
(800) 422-6237

NCI is a division of the NIH that provides the following information about cancer: topics, trials, statistics and research.

National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI)

www.nhlbi.nih.gov
(301) 592-8573

NHLBI provides leadership for a national program in diseases of the heart, blood vessels, lung, and blood; blood resources; and sleep disorders.

National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI)

www.genome.gov
(301) 402-0911

NHGRI is a division of the National Institutes of Health, marking a decade that saw genomics emerge as a powerful research tool and looking ahead to an era in which genomics will transform medical care.

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)

www.niaid.nih.gov
Office of Communications: (301) 496-5717

NIAID is a division of NIH that provides information on allergy and infectious diseases, but also primary immunodeficiencies.

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)

www.nichd.nih.gov
(800) 370-2943

NICHD is a division of the NIH that provides general information on children's health issues, including an in-depth booklet on primary immunodeficiencies.

National Library of Medicine (NLM)

www.nlm.nih.gov
(888) 346-3656

NLM is the world's largest medical library. The library collects materials and provides information and research services in all areas of biomedicine and health care.

NIH Clinical Trials

www.clinicaltrials.gov
(800) 411-1222

The NIH Clinical Trials Web site contains current information on clinical trials being conducted, some of which may be pertinent to primary immunodeficiencies.

NIH Health Information

www.health.nih.gov

A-Z index of NIH health resources, clinical trials, MedlinePlus, health hotlines.

NIH News & Events

www.nih.gov/news

News releases, press room, RSS, Podcasts, calendars, radio & video, media contacts, *News in Health* newsletter, *NIH Research Matters* eColumn.

NIH Office of Rare Diseases (ORD)

www.rarediseases.info.nih.gov
(301) 402-4336

The goals of ORD are to stimulate and coordinate research on rare diseases and to support research to respond to the needs of patients who have any one of the more than 6,000 rare diseases known today.

NIH Research Training & Scientific Resources

www.nih.gov/science

Intramural research, Human Embryonic Stem Cell Registry, scientific interest groups, library catalogs, journals, training, labs, scientific computing.

Federal Organizations and Assistance Programs

Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research—Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

www.fda.gov/cber/index.html
(800) 835-4709

The Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, a division of the FDA, whose mission is to protect and enhance public health through regulation of biological products to ensure their safety, effectiveness and timely delivery to patients. This agency provides information on biological products, such as blood and plasma, including new product approvals, adverse events, product recalls and withdrawals.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)—Vaccine and Immunization

www.cdc.gov/node.do/id/0900f3ec8000e2f3
(800) 232-4636

The Vaccine and Immunization division of the CDC provides information on general vaccinations and specific precautions for individuals affected with primary immunodeficiencies.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

www.cms.hhs.gov
(800) 633-4227

CMS provides information for individuals receiving services from Medicare, Medicaid or SCHIP.

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)

www.eeoc.gov
(800) 669-4000

EEOC is the federal agency whose mission is to promote equal opportunity in employment through administrative and judicial enforcement of the federal civil rights laws and through education and technical assistance. The Web site contains information on the agency, its current activities and legislative documents such as "The Americans with Disabilities Act."

Healthfinder

www.healthfinder.gov

Healthfinder.gov is a Federal Web site for consumers, developed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services together with other Federal agencies. It is a key resource for finding government and nonprofit health and human services information on the Internet.

Job Accommodation Network (JAN)

www.jan.wvu.edu
(800) 526-7234

JAN is a free consulting service through the Office of Disability Employment Policy within the U.S. Department of Labor. It is designed to increase the employability of people with disabilities.

National Office of Public Health Genomics

www.cdc.gov/genomics
(770) 488-8510

This site provides updated information on how human genomic discoveries can be used to improve health and prevent disease. It also provides links to CDC wide activities in public health genomics.

U.S. Department of Education

www.ed.gov/parents/landing.jhtml

This site contains information for parents about education for children of all ages and abilities.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

www.hhs.gov
(877) 696-6775

HHS is the U.S. government's principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services. The Web site contains information on the department's numerous federal programs.

Reference

U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division: Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm
(800) 514-0301

This division of the government provides information to assist persons with disabilities and to help communities better serve these individuals.

U.S. Department of Labor: Continuation of Health Coverage (COBRA)

www.dol.gov/dol/topic/health-plans/cobra.htm

COBRA gives workers and their families who lose their health benefits the right to choose to continue group health benefits provided by their group health plan for limited periods of time under certain circumstances such as voluntary or involuntary job loss, reduction in the hours worked, transition between jobs, death, divorce, and other life events.

U.S. Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA)

www.hcfa.gov

HCFA is the federal agency that administers Medicare, Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). The Web site provides information on these programs and initiatives put out by the Department of Health and Human Services, such as the "Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act." It also lists the state health insurance commissioners.

U.S. Social Security Administration

www.ssa.gov

This Web site contains complete information about Social Security.

National Organizations

American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology (AAAAI)

www.aaaai.org

(313) 371-8600

Physician Referral Service: (800) 822-2762

AAAAI is a professional organization for physicians who treat patients with allergies, asthma and immunologic disorders. The organization provides a worldwide referral system for physicians in various geographical regions.

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

www.aap.org

(847) 434-4000

AAP is a professional organization for pediatricians. It is committed to the attainment of optimal physical, mental, and social health and well-being for all infants, children, adolescents, and young adults.

Clinical Immunology Society

www.clinimmsoc.org

(414) 224-8095

The mission of the Clinical Immunology Society is to facilitate education, translational research and novel approaches to therapy in clinical immunology to promote excellence in the care of patients with immunologic/inflammatory disorders.

Federation of Clinical Immunology Societies (FOCIS)

www.focisnet.org

FOCIS exists to improve human health through immunology by fostering interdisciplinary approaches to both understand and treat immune-based diseases.

Infusion Nurses Society (INS)

www.ins1.org

INS is dedicated to exceeding the public's expectations of excellence by setting the standard for infusion care.

National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP)

www.marrow.org

(800) 627-7692

NMDP is a non-profit organization that facilitates unrelated marrow and blood stem cell transplants for patients with life-threatening diseases who do not have matching donors in their families.

International Organizations

European Society for Immunodeficiencies (ESID)

www.esid.org

ESID is a non-profit medical organization. The purpose of ESID is to foster excellence in research and medical practice and to promote interaction with nurses and patient associations, so as to increase exchange of information among patients, parents of patients, nurses, doctors and researchers.

International Nursing Group for Immunodeficiencies (INGID)

www.ingid.org

The purpose of INGID is to improve and extend the quality of nursing care of patients with primary immunodeficiencies, and to increase the awareness and understanding of primary immunodeficiencies amongst nurses.

International Patient Organization for Primary Immunodeficiencies (IPOPI)

www.ipopi.org

IPOPI is an international organization whose members are national patient organizations for the primary immunodeficiencies. The Web site provides general information on PIDD and resource contacts for patients and professionals worldwide. The following countries have a patient support organization:

Argentina	www.aapidp.com.ar
Australia	www.idfaustralia.org
Canada	www.cipo.net
Denmark	www.idf.dk
Estonia	janne.rimmel@mail.ee
Finland	anna-riitta.satama@luukku.com
France	www.associationiris.org
Germany	www.dsai.de www.immundefekte.de
Hungary	meerdos@yahoo.com
Iceland	onaemisgalli@onaemisgallar.is
India	rubbyipspi@rediffmail.com
Iran	www.iranianpia.org
Ireland	crone@eircom.net
Italy	www.aip-it.org
Morocco	www.associationhajar.org
New Zealand	www.idfnz.org.nz
Norway	evabrox@online.no
Poland	immuno@czd.vaw.pl
South Africa	www.pinsa.org.za
Spain	www.aedip.com
Sweden	www.pio.nu
Switzerland	s.vassalli@bluewin.ch
The Netherlands	www.stichtingvoorstoornissen.nl
United Kingdom	www.pia.org.uk
United States	www.primaryimmune.org www.info4pi.org
Yugoslavia	koruga@sezampro.yu

Latin American Group for Primary Immunodeficiencies (LAGID)

www.lagid.lsuhs.edu

LAGID is a professional organization comprised of physicians from various Latino countries who are dedicated to promoting the awareness, diagnosis and treatment of primary immunodeficiency diseases in these countries.

Education Issues

HEATH Resource Center

<http://www.heath.gwu.edu>

(800) 544-3284

The HEATH Resource Center is the national clearinghouse on postsecondary education for individuals with disabilities. It provides information about educational support services, policies, procedures, adaptations and opportunities at American campuses, vocational-technical schools and other postsecondary training sites.

National Information Center for Handicapped Children and Youth (NICHY)

www.nichcy.org

(800) 695-0285

NICHY is a national information and referral center that provides information on disabilities and disability-related issues for families, educators and other professionals. Specific information on early intervention programs, special education, individualized education programs, education rights and transition to adult life can be found through this organization.

Wrightslaw

www.wrightslaw.com

This Web site is dedicated to helping individuals advocate for children with disabilities with regard to the education system and legal issues.

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Patient Advocacy and Support Organizations

Advocating for Chronic Conditions, Entitlements and Social Services (ACCESS)

(888) 700-7010

ACCESS helps families navigate the often complex maze of state and federal entitlement programs, as well as eligibility for health insurance through state high-risk pools and other alternatives and through group health insurance continuation under federal law (COBRA and HIPAA).

Children's Defense Fund

www.childrensdefense.org

(800) 233-1200

The Children's Defense Fund is a non-profit organization devoted to children's issues, including the Children's Health Insurance Program. The Web site provides information on these topics.

Families USA

www.familiesusa.org

(202) 628-3030

Families USA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the achievement of high-quality, affordable health and long-term care for all Americans. The Web site contains state and national resources.

Family Voices

www.familyvoices.org

(888) 835-5669

Family Voices is a national organization that provides information and education concerning the health care of children with special health needs.

ImmunoDeficiency Resource (IDR)

<http://bioinf.uta.fi/idr/index.shtml>

IDR is a Web accessible compendium of information on the immunodeficiencies. This resource includes tools for clinical, biochemical, genetic, structural and computational analyses as well as links to related information maintained by others.

National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)

www.ncqa.org

NCQA is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to assessing and reporting on the quality of managed care plans.

National Disabilities Rights Network (NDRN)

www.ndrn.org

NDRN is a non-profit membership organization for the federally mandated Protection and Advocacy (P&A) Systems and Client Assistance Programs (CAP) for individuals with disabilities.

National Family Caregivers Association (NCFA)

www.nfcacares.org

(800) 896-3650

NCFA is a grass roots organization created to educate, support, empower and speak up for millions of Americans who care for chronically ill, aged, or disabled loved ones.

National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)

www.rarediseases.org

(800) 999-NORD

NORD is a non-profit organization which provides information, programs and services for thousands of rare medical conditions, including primary immune deficiencies.

National Patient Travel Center

www.patienttravel.org

(800) 296-3797

This non-profit organization provides a variety of services to individuals and families seeking ways to travel long-distances for specialized medical evaluation, diagnosis and treatment.

Patient Advocate Foundation

www.patientadvocate.org

(800) 846-4066

The Patient Advocate Foundation is a national non-profit organization that seeks to safeguard patients through effective mediation assuring access to care, maintenance of employment and preservation of their financial stability.

Patient Notification System

www.patientnotificationsystem.org

(888) UPDATE-U

This is a program developed by the Plasma Protein Therapeutics Association (PPTA) to notify patients who receive plasma products, such as IVIG, about product recalls.

Patient Services Incorporated (PSI)

www.uneedpsi.org

(800) 366-7741

PSI is a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to subsidizing the high cost of health insurance premiums and co-payments for persons with specific chronic illnesses, including primary immunodeficiencies.

Especially for Youth

Band-aids and Blackboards

www.lehman.cuny.edu/faculty/jfjeitas/bandaides.

Band-aids and Blackboards is a Web site about growing up with medical problems. The site helps people understand what it is like, from the perspective of children and teens. There are separate areas for kids, teens and adults.

KidsHealth

www.kidshealth.org

KidsHealth is a Web site that provides health information to kids, teens and parents. The site contains articles, animations, games and resources.

Manufacturing Companies and Product Related Organizations

Baxter Healthcare Corporation

www.baxter.com & www.immunedisease.com

Reimbursement Hotline: (800) 548-4448

This company manufactures GAMMAGARD S/D and GAMMAGARD LIQUID. The Web site provides information about the company, their products, general information about primary immunodeficiency diseases and reimbursement assistance.

CSL Behring

www.cslbehring.com

Reimbursement Services Hotline: (800) 676-4266

This company manufactures Carimune NF and Vivaglobin. The Web site provides information about the company, their products, general immunology and reimbursement assistance.

Grifols USA, Inc.

www.grifolsusa.com

Customer Service: (888) 474-3657

This company manufactures Flebogamma. The Web site provides information about the company, Flebogamma and customer service.

InterMune Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

www.intermune.com

Access Hotline: (877) 305-7704

This company produces ACTIMMUNE (interferon gamma-1b) Injection for the treatment of chronic granulomatous disease (CGD). The company has a reimbursement hotline and patient assistance program to help patients with insurance and reimbursement issues.

Octapharma USA, Inc.

www.octapharma.com

(866) 766-4860

This company produces Octagam. The Web site provides information about the company and Octagam.

Plasma Protein Therapeutics Association (PPTA)

www.plasmatherapeutics.org

(410) 263-8296

This organization is the primary advocate for the leading producers of plasma-based and related recombinant biological therapeutics. The Web site provides specific information on the quality, safety and efficacy of plasma products.

Talecris Biotherapeutics

www.talecris.com

Reimbursement Helpline: (800) 288-8374

This company manufactures Gamunex. The Web site provides information about the company, their products, links to information about primary immunodeficiency diseases and reimbursement assistance.

General Health Issues

American Dietetic Association (ADA)

www.eatright.org

ADA serves the public by promoting optimal nutrition, health and well-being.

HealthWeb

www.healthweb.org

HealthWeb is a collaborative project of the health sciences libraries of the Greater Midwest Region (GMR) of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) and those of the Committee for Institutional Cooperation.

MayoClinic.com

www.mayoclinic.com

The Web site is a service of the renowned Mayo Clinic health care system and provides a wealth of information on health and medical topics. New material is added every workday and is reviewed by Mayo Clinic experts.

Medline Plus

www.medlineplus.gov

MedlinePlus will direct you to information to help answer health questions. MedlinePlus brings together authoritative information from NLM, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and other government agencies and health-related organizations. Pre-formulated MEDLINE searches are included in MedlinePlus and give easy access to medical journal articles. MedlinePlus also has extensive information about drugs, an illustrated medical encyclopedia, interactive patient tutorials, and latest health news.

PubMed Central

www.pubmed.com

PubMed Central is a free digital archive of biomedical and life sciences journal literature at the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) developed and managed by NIH's National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) in the National Library of Medicine (NLM).

USDA Food and Nutrition Information Center

www.nal.usda.gov

This Web site provides general information and tips on maintaining a healthy lifestyle through good nutritional habits.

WebMD

www.webmd.com

WebMD is a commercial Web site containing information on general health, medical and fitness issues.

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Genetic Issues

Genetic Alliance

www.geneticalliance.org
(800) 336-GENE

The Genetic Alliance is an international coalition of families, health professionals, and genetic support organizations that provide information, support and advocacy to those affected by genetic conditions, including primary immune deficiencies.

Gene Tests

www.geneclinics.org

At this site one can enter a diagnosis and pull up scholarly articles about many primary immunodeficiency diseases including CVID.

Human Genome Project: Ethical, Legal, and Social Issues (ELSI)

www.ornl.gov/hgmis/elsi/elsi.html

The ELSI division of the Human Genome Project is the world's largest bioethics program devoted to studying these issues related to the availability of genetic information. The Web site contains information on genetic testing with regard to privacy and legislation, gene patenting, gene therapy and genetics used in the courtroom.

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