

The facts about

STEVENS-JOHNSON SYNDROME (SJS)

SJS: WHAT IS IT?



SJS stands for Stevens Johnson Syndrome. SJS is an allergic reaction to medicine.

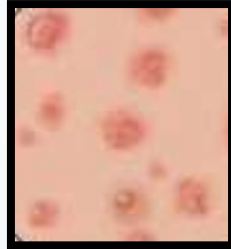
Like a knight in shining armor, our immune system stands guard to protect us against infections and viruses. It helps fight off any invaders that might make us sick. When a person has Stevens Johnson Syndrome their immune system for some reason makes a mistake and turns on itself like a fire breathing dragon causing blisters like a burn. Our immune system is unable to stop this reaction.

WHO CAN GET SJS?

Anyone can get SJS. No matter how old they are or what they look like or where they live. There have been a lot of people who have gotten SJS. More girls and women have gotten SJS than boys and men.

WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF SJS?

- Rash, blisters, or red splotches on skin
- Long lasting fever
- Blisters in mouth, eyes, ears, and nose
- Swelling of eyelids
- red eyes
- feeling like you have the Flu
- being on a new medicine



IF YOU NOTICE TWO OR MORE OF THESE SIGNS TELL AN ADULT RIGHT AWAY!

WHO ARE WE?

SJS Kids Support is part of the Stevens-Johnson Syndrome Foundation. It was created to teach children and their families about SJS in a way that kids understand. It was also created to help families understand that they are not alone.

The Stevens Johnson Syndrome Foundation is a non-profit organization.

Your donations are tax deductible and will provide invaluable aid to a worthwhile cause.

To make a contribution to the SJS Foundation, please contact us at: Stevens Johnson Syndrome Foundation
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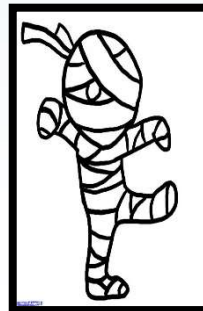
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TREATMENT



SJS patients feel very sick and they stay in the hospital until they are well enough to go back home. They are wrapped in bandages like a mummy and given special formula in a feeding tube. Sometimes they need help breathing so they have to use a machine to help them breathe better

SIDE EFFECTS

- Alopecia- loss of hair
- Asthma- trouble breathing
- Blindness- unable to see anything but light and color
- Cough that never goes away
- Photophobia- when light hurts person eyes
- Dry eyes
- tearing because of dry eyes
- Blurry vision
- Hearing loss