

# The facts about

## STEVENS-JOHNSON SYNDROME (SJS)

### SJS: WHAT IS IT?



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

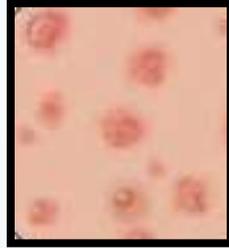
Like a knight in shining armor, our immune system stands guard to protect us against infections and viruses. It helps fight off any invaders that might make us sick. When a person has Stevens Johnson Syndrome their immune system for some reason makes a mistake and turns on itself like a fire breathing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

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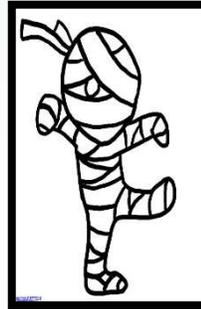
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### TREATMENT



**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