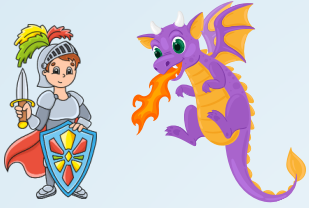


# Stevens-Johnson Syndrome (SJS/TEN)

## What is SJS?



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.

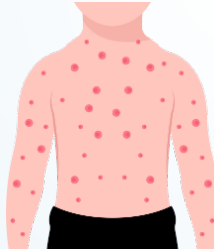
## Treatment



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.

## What are the signs of SJS?

- Rash, blisters, or red splotches on skin
- Long lasting fever
- Blisters in mouth, eyes, ears, or 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!**

## 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 a persons eyes
- Dry eyes
- Tearing because of dry eyes
- Blurry vision
- Hearing loss



## 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.

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