

# DEBRA Austria

DEBRA AUSTRIA, WAS FOUNDED IN 1995 AND HELPS PEOPLE LIVING WITH EPIDERMOLYSIS BULLOSA (EB).



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As a patient organization, DEBRA Austria has set itself the goal of providing competent medical care for the "butterfly children" and to increase the chance of healing through targeted, first-class research. In addition, immediate help is provided for those affected and their relatives in emergencies or when the health insurance or social system is not sufficient.

## BUTTERFLY CHILDREN

We call those affected "butterfly children" because their skin is as vulnerable as a butterfly's wings. EB is one of the rare diseases. About 500 people are affected in Austria and about 30,000 in Europe. The public health system is not prepared for the special challenges of such a disease. Therefore, medical care, research and individual support for the "butterfly children" are currently only possible with donations.

## CLINICAL CHARACTERISTICS

EB causes the skin to blister or crack even under the slightest stress. Sores also occur on mucous membranes, in the mouth, eyes, esophagus and gastrointestinal tract. In severe forms of EB, life expectancy is shortened. Living with EB is a great challenge for those affected and their relatives.

## EB HOUSE AUSTRIA

On the initiative of DEBRA Austria, the world's first special clinic for "butterfly children" was opened at Salzburg University Hospital in 2005. Here, competent medical care, successful research, clinical studies as well as education and training are possible under one roof.

DEBRA Austria does not receive any grants or subsidies from the public sector - even the operation of the EB House Austria is possible exclusively through donations.



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