

DEBRA Austria

This is how life feels to people with EB.



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DEBRA Austria is an extremely committed patient organisation which was founded in 1995. It helps people who are afflicted with the serious skin disease Epidermolysis bullosa (EB).

Butterfly children



We refer to those affected as “butterfly children” because their skin is just as vulnerable as the wings of a butterfly. EB is a rare disease. Around 500 people are affected in Austria and around 30,000 in Europe. The public health system is neither prepared nor equipped to deal with the specific challenges of a disease like EB. This is why medical care, research and individual support for the “butterfly children” can only be continued with the help of donations.

The disease

EB causes the skin to blister or crack, even under the slightest amount of stress. Wounds also occur on mucous membranes, in the mouth, eyes, esophagus and in the stomach-intestine tract. The life expectancy of patients who have severe forms of EB is significantly shortened. Living with EB is a major challenge for both sufferers and their families.

EB House Austria



On the initiative of DEBRA Austria, the world’s first special clinic for “butterfly children” was opened at the University Hospital Salzburg in 2005. The EB House Austria consists of four units: In the EB Outpatient Clinic, the “butterfly children” receive medical care from two specially-trained physicians and two nurses. The EB Research Unit develops methods of alleviating and healing the disease. The EB Academy is responsible for the networking of patients, physicians and researchers – and also provides training and further education for the medical staff and those affected by the disease. The EB Study Centre team is totally committed to determining the effectiveness, tolerability and safety of new therapeutic approaches to EB.

DEBRA Austria receives neither grants nor subsidies from the public sector – and the EB House can only continue its good work if caring people are kind enough to donate whatever they can.

Please give the “butterfly children” hope for the future by donating at schmetterlingskinder.at/spenden or by using the IBAN: AT02 2011 1800 8018 1100.

