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## Feb. 28th Is Rare Diseases Day

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Most people are familiar with health problems such as heart disease, breast cancer, diabetes and colon cancer. However, there are many rare diseases out there that people should be aware of and the ongoing need for diagnosis, support services and research. Saturday, Feb. 28th, is Rare Diseases Day and it is designed to highlight those diseases affecting fewer than 200,000 Americans. While these are considered rare diseases, there are more than 7,000 such diseases that together impact nearly 30 million Americans. Dealing with rare diseases not only affects the patient, but their entire families as well. To learn more about Rare Diseases

Day, visit <http://www.rarediseaseday.org/>