

**A message from
Ellyn Kodroff,
founder of CURED:**

On December 28, 2002, our (then) 10-year-old daughter, Jori, was diagnosed with Eosinophilic Disease. Watching Jori's life change, and meeting others suffering with this disease, made us determined to do something to help.

Our purpose in founding CURED was—and continues to be—to raise public awareness, education, and funding for research to help provide treatments and a cure for Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Disorders (EGIDs).

We would like to thank you for your support... and for sharing in our dream that someday there will be a cure.

**Your financial support can
make a difference...**

**CURED donation's help fund
medical research with the
specific goal of finding
treatments, diagnostic tools,
and a cure for Eosinophilic
Disease.**

CURED
Educates, Raises Awareness,
Advocates, and most im-
portantly Raises Funds for
medical research.

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What is Eosinophilic Disease?

Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Diseases (EGIDs) are a set of rare digestive system disorders associated with having too many eosinophils, a type of immune cell. When triggered by the body's immune system, eosinophils release toxins. These toxins cause inflammation, which normally helps rid the body of infection. However, chronic inflammation from having too many eosinophils results in a variety of clinical issues.

Eosinophilic diseases are categorized according to where the elevated levels of eosinophils are found:

- Eosinophilic esophagitis (esophagus)
- Eosinophilic gastritis (stomach)
- Eosinophilic enteritis (small intestine)
- Eosinophilic colitis (large intestine)
- Hypereosinophilic syndrome (blood and other organs)

Symptoms may include pain, reflux, food impaction/choking, difficulty swallowing, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, stools containing blood/mucus, abdominal cramping, diarrhea, bowel/ stomach wall thickening from scar tissue build-up, obstructions, motility issues, anemia, and malabsorption.

Dietary restrictions are a main component of disease management. Special amino acid-based formulas may be required either as the sole source of nutrition or to supplement limited diets. Too often, patients need to be fed through special feeding tubes.

There is no known cure for EGIDs. Disease management is critical in order to minimize/prevent severe damage to the digestive system.



Our Mission

It is the hope of CURED that we raise substantial funding, as well as public awareness, to aid in research for these complex diseases. Presently, very little is known about Eosinophilic Diseases. It is our heart-felt belief and mission that CURED can make a difference for the individuals and their families who are touched by these diseases. Our ultimate goal is that everyone affected by this condition is CURED!

"Through the funds donated by CURED, we are one step closer to developing a cure for EGID." We can certainly attribute many of our major breakthroughs about EGID to the financial support that we received from CURED."

- Marc E. Rothenberg, MD, PhD
Director, Division of Allergy and Immunology; Director, Cincinnati Center for Eosinophilic Disorders; Professor of Pediatrics, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
University of Cincinnati College of Medicine

Your Donations

CURED has provided research grants to the following institutions:

- Cincinnati Children's Hospital
- Denver Children's Hospital
- Northwestern University
- University of Illinois (Chicago)
- University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill)
- Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital
- University of Utah
- Brigham and Women's Hospital

"Patient advocacy groups such as CURED are essential in helping to increase awareness about eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders and helping to provide much needed research funding in this area. Through research funding provided by CURED, significant strides have been made to better understand EGIDs and hopefully provide better treatments for patients with these disorders."

- Nirmala Gonsalves, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine,
Division of Gastroenterology,
Northwestern University
Feinberg School of Medicine

EGIDs are chronic disorders, affecting 1:1000 people. These disorders are not well known, complicating diagnosis. Current treatment options consist of steroids and/or diet therapy. Recent research suggests that EGID development occurs through a combination of environmental and genetic factors.

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