

# February is Ectodermal Dysplasias Awareness Month

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## WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS?

Each ectodermal dysplasia has its own combination of traits. And there are more than 100+ different types of ectodermal dysplasias.

### HAIR

missing, sparse or light in color

### TEETH

missing, pointed or widely spaced

### NAILS

thick or thin, abnormally shaped or ridged

### SKIN

thin, dry, and prone to rash, infection and sunburn

### SWEAT GLANDS

don't work properly or haven't developed at all, leaving people unable to perspire and at risk for overheating

### BIG, COMPASSIONATE HEARTS

Limbs missing fingers and toes or have fused fingers and toes

Ear wax impaction, which can cause hearing loss and hearing nerve damage

Eyes lack tears, have blepharitis, corneal scarring, or light sensitivity

**PRIDE** IN WHO THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY CAN DO

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