

The EB Advocate

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Featured Product:

Dermanet®



Dermanet® is a lightweight non-adherent wound contact layer dressing made from high-density polyethylene. The polymer is extruded, patterned and stretched to form a unique porous net that consists of polymer dots interconnected by thin polymer strands. The fine mesh structure of Dermanet makes it ideal for use in wound applications. Dermanet is available from MPCS in these sizes:

Rare Disease Day 2016

The 8th international [Rare Disease Day](#) is Monday, February 29. This day is coordinated by EURORDIS and [National Organization for Rare Diseases](#) (NORD) and organized with rare disease national alliances in 24 countries around the world.

On and around Rare Disease Day, millions of patients and their families share their stories to promote awareness of the challenges, hopes and needs of those living with rare diseases such as EB.



Organizations supporting Rare Disease Day include patient organizations like [debra of America](#), NIH, medical researcher, hospitals, schools universities and pharmaceutical companies developing treatments for rare diseases such as EB. In an effort to drive EB awareness on Rare Disease Day, supporters through debra of America will organize and host debra supporter led events in communities across the country. In addition, activities supporting Rare Disease Day will take place in Europe, Asia, Australia, and will stretch as far as New Zealand!

For details on local activities supporting Rare Disease Day visit:

[Rare Disease Day United States](#)

[Debra of America Rare Disease Day](#)

5 Questions with an EB Advocate: Kaycie Artus

Name: Kaycie Artus

Age: 73

Profession: Physical Therapy

Home State: Colorado

Something Unique about Yourself: I was once a volunteer Police Commissioner.

1. How did I first become aware of Epidermolysis Bullosa?

In 1980 I was a physical therapist at Denver Health Medical Center. We had two patients ages 17 and 19 who had [Recessive Dystrophic EB](#) (RDEB) and came to the department for baths and dressing changes. The next year three babies



5"x4"
8"x10"

Did You Know?

A new year typically means a reset to your insurance policy benefits. If your deductible and out of pocket limits reset to \$0 applied on January 1, you should be prepared for deductible and co-insurance bills to arrive in the first few months of the year for all medical care.

To get policy details, please contact your insurance carrier at the number on the back of your card. Questions regarding setting up a payment plan for any MPCS bills, please contact our office at 855.532.5463 or EBline@McKesson.com

Have a question about insurance? Call 855.5EB.line or email EBline@mckesson.com

Insurance Payers News from MPCS

MPCS is a contracted supplier with hundreds of commercial insurance companies and is a participating provider with Medicare and most Medicaid plans. Our company also adds new contracts every year.

That's why a plan that was incompatible in the past may now be one that MPCS can accept.

Call the toll-free EB-line (855.5EB.line) to notify MPCS of changes in your health plan.

EB Nurse News & Events Calendar

Tell us about your next EB-themed event! We can post it on the [EB Nurse website's News and Events calendar](#) and help you get the word out.

Email your event information to MPCS' dedicated [EB Advocate Team](#) today.

were born with EB. Since I was the PT in the Neonatal Clinic, I was able to work with the families. My interest in the EB children and families continued with my move to Children's Hospital Colorado (CHC) in 1984. I became the PT at the EB Multi-Specialty Clinic that was created several years ago. I have always had a special place in my heart for EB families and children.

Read more on the [EB Nurse website](#).

Run for EB! NYC Half Marathon

[Debra of America](#) and [EB Research Partnership](#) are running for EB in the 2016 NYC Half Marathon, which is March 20, 2016. The marathon will take runners on a 13.1-mile tour of New York City including through the Battery Tunnel, Central Park, and Times Square! All donations benefit the research to find a cure for EB.



Both teams are raising money for EB research. For more information on the teams and the organizations, visit:

[Debra of America NYC Half Marathon fundraising page](#)
[EB Research Partnership NYC Half Marathon fundraising page](#)

Call our Dedicated EB-line

Call the toll-free dedicated phone number to order wound care supplies for EB. The number is **easy** to remember:

855.5EB.line (855.532.5463)

A product specialist is available Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. ET to take orders and answer questions about products or insurance guidelines.

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