

# Rare disease on a page

## What is a rare disease?

A rare disease is a chronic and complex condition that affects **less than five in 10,000** people.<sup>1,2</sup>



## How many rare diseases are there?

Over **7,000 known rare diseases** exist with more yet to be named. Unknown or unclassified diseases are referred to as *undiagnosed diseases*.<sup>1,2</sup>

## What are the types of rare diseases?

**80% are of genetic origin** although rare diseases also include rare cancers, infections, post-infection conditions and autoimmune diseases.<sup>3,4</sup>



## How many Australians live with a rare disease?

An estimated **two million Australians** currently live with a rare disease which is **approximately 8% of Australians**.<sup>5</sup>

Figure 1. Key facts about rare diseases<sup>1-5</sup>