# Early testing and diagnosis of Primary Immunodeficiency

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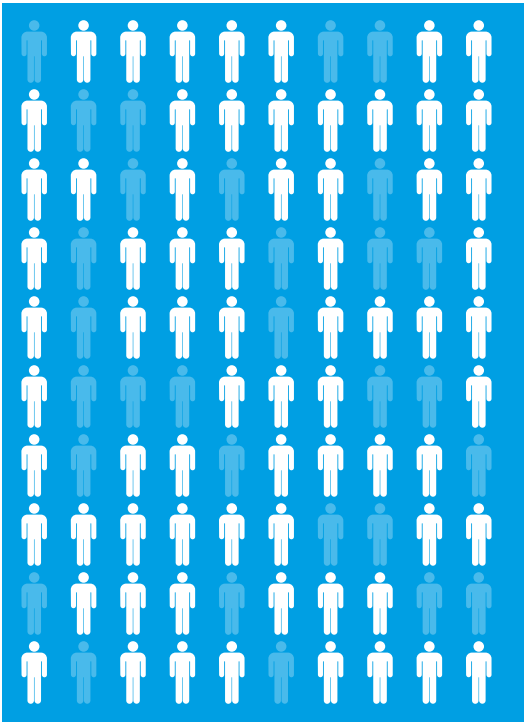
**PI is largely underdiagnosed: between 70-90% of people living with a PI worldwide still remain undiagnosed**



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**Early diagnosis and treatment can prevent complications and enable people to live as normal a life as possible**

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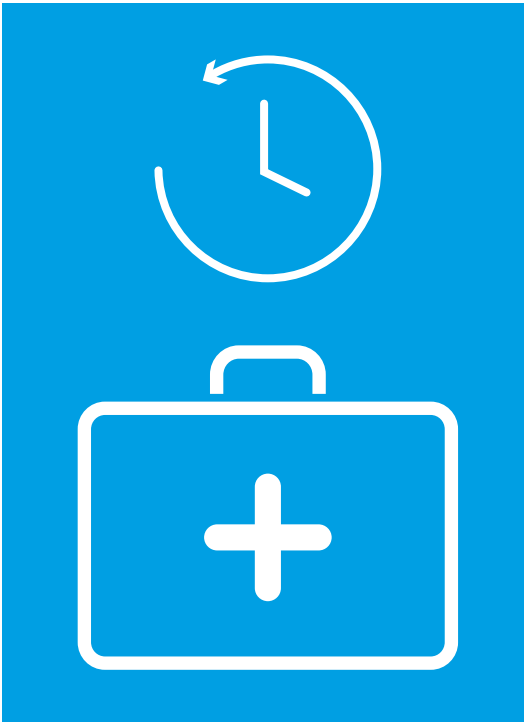
**Early diagnosis contributes greatly to improved quality of life and care for people with PI**



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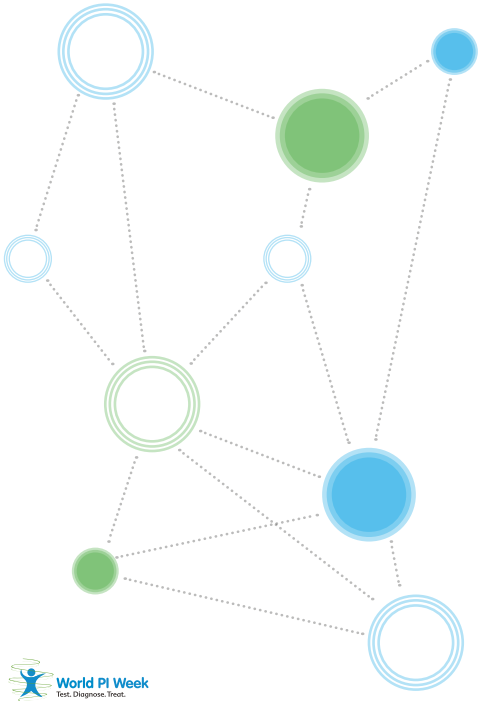

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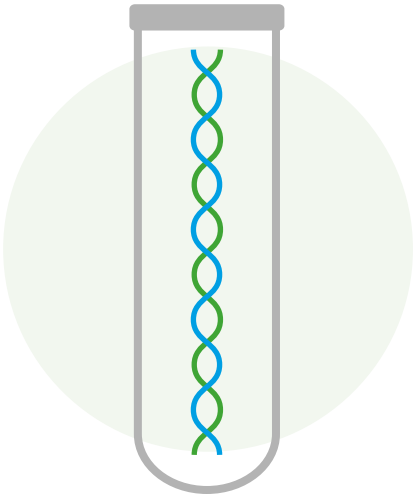
**Main reasons for a delayed or misdiagnosis of PI:**

- **Complex nature of PI**
- **Variety of symptoms and clinical manifestations**
- **Relatively low awareness of symptoms among primary care doctors and specialists**

**Genetic technology allowing genetic testing has a significant role in the diagnosis of PI**



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**For severe forms of PI, newborn screening is a lifesaving, cost-effective method to drive early diagnosis and save lives**

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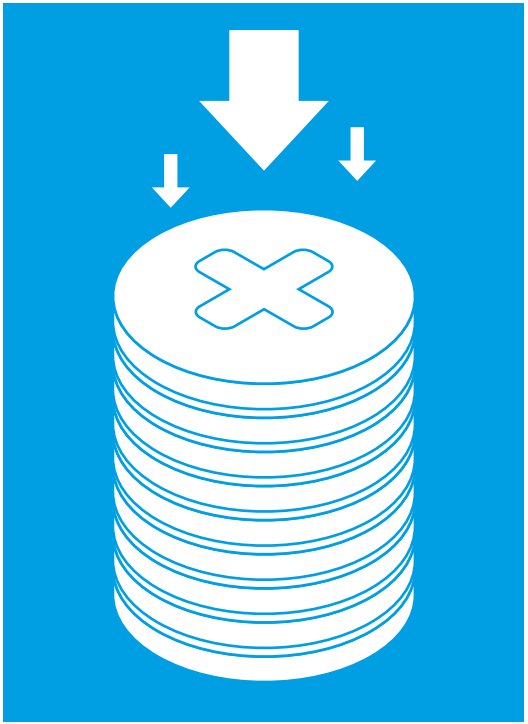

**Prompt diagnosis of PI leads to better use of healthcare facilities and services, and lower healthcare costs**

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**Public awareness of symptoms, greater education among both primary and specialist care providers at pre/ post graduate levels are paramount for PI recognition**

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**Patient access to care and appropriate treatment can help prevent serious and life-threatening illnesses in people with PI**

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**Screening tests should be accessible to the whole range of hospital doctors and primary care providers**

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**Routine newborn screening programmes for severe PI (e.g., SCID and XLA) should be widely implemented in public healthcare settings in all countries**

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Access to genetic testing should become available to patients and widespread in medical specialties to provide earlier detection of PI and diagnose unknown forms

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