

# Stevens

# Johnson

# Syndrome

**SJS** stevens-johnson syndrome  
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## ARE YOU AWARE...

- **Stevens-Johnson Syndrome (SJS)** and its more severe form **Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis (TEN)** are very serious skin reactions. These may be caused by commonly used medications which include **ANTIBIOTICS, ANTIPILEPTICS, HIV** treatments and some over the counter medicines such as **IBUPROFEN**.
- 1 in 4 patients who develop TEN die from the reaction because of its severity.

## KNOW THE SIGNS BE AWARE WHEN TO REFER

**Initial symptoms may be non-specific and may include:**

- Mild Skin Rash
- Fever
- Malaise
- Flu-like symptoms

**These could be followed by more severe symptoms:**

- Blistering rash to variable percentage of the body.
- Blisters to the mouth, eyes, ears, nose, genital area.
- Swelling of eyelids and itchy, red eyes.

## SYMPTOMS CAN VERY QUICKLY BECOME LIFE THREATENING!

Recognition of the early symptoms of SJS/TEN, accurate diagnosis and prompt medical attention are the most invaluable tools in minimising the possible long-term effects.

**The Wolfson Centre for Personalised Medicine at the University of Liverpool conducts research to investigate all types of Adverse Drug Reactions with a strong focus on SJS/TEN.**

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