**Chronic ITP and Your Child**

**Immune Thrombocytopenia (ITP) is a Rare Blood Disorder.**

For those living with ITP, blood clots do not form properly due to a low number of certain blood cells (platelets).

Blood clots help stop bleeding and bruising following a cut or wound.

Because people with ITP have a low platelet count, they may experience bleeding that is hard to stop.

**ITP affects as many as 5 in 100,000 children and 2 in 100,000 adults each year.**

Many children with ITP recover, as the disorder resolves on its own.

**But for about 1 in 4 children, the condition becomes chronic.**

**Key Symptoms**

While ITP often arises after a viral infection, in the majority of cases the cause is unknown.

- Easy bruising
- Visible red or purple dots
- Prolonged bleeding from wounds
- Spontaneous nosebleeds
- Bleeding gums, often during dental work

Certain cases of chronic ITP may require treatment.

A child's physician is the best resource for information about treatment options and tips on creating a safe environment.

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