

The ten warning signs of primary immunodeficiency diseases (PID) - General (www.esid.org)

1. Four or more new ear infections within 1 year.
2. Two or more serious sinus infections within 1 year.
3. Two or more months on antibiotics with little effect.
4. Two or more pneumonias within 1 year.
5. Failure of an infant to gain weight or grow normally.
6. Recurrent, deep skin or organ abscesses.
7. Persistent thrush in mouth or fungal infection on skin.
8. Need for intravenous antibiotics to clear infections.
9. Two or more deep-seated infections including septicemia.
10. A family history of PI.

The six warning signs for adult PID

1. Four or more infections requiring antibiotics within one year (otitis, bronchitis, sinusitis, pneumonia)
2. Recurring infections or infection requiring prolonged antibiotic therapy
3. Two or more severe bacterial infections (osteomyelitis, meningitis, septicemia, cellulitis)
4. Two or more radiologically proven pneumonia within 3 years
5. Infection with unusual localization or unusual pathogen
6. PID in the family