Understanding Porphyria: No Vampires Here

(NAPSA)—Many of the world’s myths and legends have some basis in fact, which is why they are perpetuated through the centuries. In one case, the idea of a race of nefarious monsters—specifically, vampires—may actually have sprung from a very real and potentially deadly disease that affects thousands of people worldwide.

Porphyria is not a single disease but a group of at least eight disorders that produce a range of symptoms. Some, among them are some that have, in ancient times, gone to the legend of the vampire. These theories have been created many centuries—may actually have sprung from a very real and potentially deadly disease that affects thousands of people worldwide.

Genetic Disorder

In reality, porphyria can only be passed genetically through families. It is extremely hard to diagnose, and even deadly. The root of the disease is in defective enzymes that are involved in the production of the hormone. This hormone consists of an iron atom surrounded by a porphyrin molecule and is a part of hemoglobin, which transports oxygen to all parts of the body.

Unfortunately, the disease is big and relatively new. It was first identified in the late 19th century, and there are many stories of people with the disease, but not many stories of them being vampires. But vampires are only a myth created many centuries ago, and even today, people may believe the legend of the vampire.

Drinking blood is a way to revitalize oneself, but it isn't a real possibility. It is a way to improve health, but not to revitalize the body. It is extremely hard to diagnose a disease like porphyria, and even today, people may believe the legend of the vampire.

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According to the American Porphyria Foundation (APF), drinking blood means it goes into the digestive system and merely passes through; it doesn’t replace the blood in your body.

Charlotte de Ne Guerre, a sufferer of porphyria, recently wrote a novel—inspired by her life—that will shed light on the subject and dispel the vampire stigma. In the book, “Grave=falseounder,” she lapses into a near-death coma from a very real and potentially deadly disease that affects thousands of people worldwide. It is called porphyria.

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The other tale concerns a famous IRONMAN World Champion. Ms. de Ne Guerre spent her professional career as a Certified Quality Engineer for Abbott Laboratories. Despite her fame, she received no proper diagnosis until some years later that a diagnostician in an emergency room finally gave her a name to her condition. She wrote this novel of intrigue not only to delight readers, but to bring understanding of the disease porphyria and help break the stigma that it is thought to be the disease of the vampires.

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AFAQ is eager for the understanding of this disease, and there are many people who are afraid to seek treatment because of the stigma, and, then, of course, there are many who are needlessly suffering because of the lack of today’s doctors is simply inadequate to the task.

Yet people with porphyria can lead very productive lives, such as Lauren Warren, who finished fourth in the Ford Ironman USA Lake Placid Triathlon, thus qualifying her for the Ironman World Championships. Could a vampire do that? To learn more about the disease and treatments, visit www.porphyriafoundation.com.