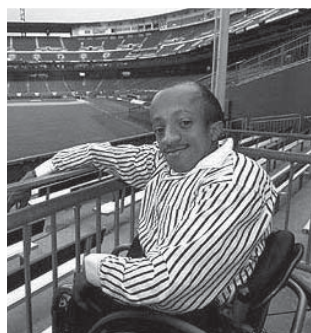


Between us, we've had more than 100 broken bones



We all have
osteogenesis
imperfecta, or
“brittle bones.”

Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI) causes brittle bones that break easily. A cough or sneeze can break a rib, or rolling over can break a leg. OI is a permanent genetic disorder that causes fragile bones throughout a person's lifetime.

OI can affect people in many ways, as the following examples illustrate:

An infant is born with five skull fractures, three broken ribs and a broken femur. His parents want to know if he will ever walk.

A five-year-old puts the cap back on a colored marker and breaks her collarbone.

A teenager misses weeks of school as he recovers from fractures and corrective surgery.

A 22-year-old begins to lose his hearing as the bones in his ears break down.

A young woman wonders how her fragile bones will survive the impact of pregnancy and childbirth.

Your contribution provides free support and information to families coping with OI, and it funds research to find treatments and a cure.

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