Severe
requires hospitalization or intravenous antibiotics

Persistent
won’t completely clear up or clears very slowly

Unusual
caus ed by an uncommon organism

Recurrent
keeps coming back

or if it

Runs in the Family
others in your family have had a similar susceptibility to infection

As the national patient organization dedicated to persons living with primary immunodeficiency diseases, IDF says THINK ZEBRA!

In medical school, many doctors learn the saying, “when you hear hoof beats, think horses, not zebras” and are taught to focus on the likeliest possibilities when making a diagnosis, not the unusual ones. However, sometimes physicians need to look for a zebra. Patients with primary immunodeficiency diseases are the zebras of the medical world.

If you have an infection with any of these characteristics, ask your physician to THINK ZEBRA!