

Dear Senator Mones Anderson and members of the Senate Health Committee. I am writing in support of SB874.

I have adrenal insufficiency. This is a life threatening condition that is easily treated IF and ONLY IF we are taken seriously when presenting to paramedics and at the ER. Currently, lack of knowledge and training places those of us with adrenal insufficiency in a bad situation.

Please support and promote this bill to address this life threatening condition. It's simple...the more training and medication availability on ambulances, the less life threatening this disease is to Oregon residents!

I am not one to exaggerate or bring in drama..this is how life is for us with adrenal insufficiency:

This disease doesn't bother me day-to-day but events such as being in a car accident, breaking a leg, an illness, a severe emotional event easily sends those with adrenal insufficiency into crisis; this needs immediate medical attention...what bothers me is the virtually complete lack of training of EMS and ER nurses have in signs, symptoms, and need for treatment of adrenal insufficiency and adrenal crisis.

A simple injection (costing only about \$7) carried on ambulances with trained EMS could mean the difference between life and death. Waiting to arrive at the hospital could be too late.

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