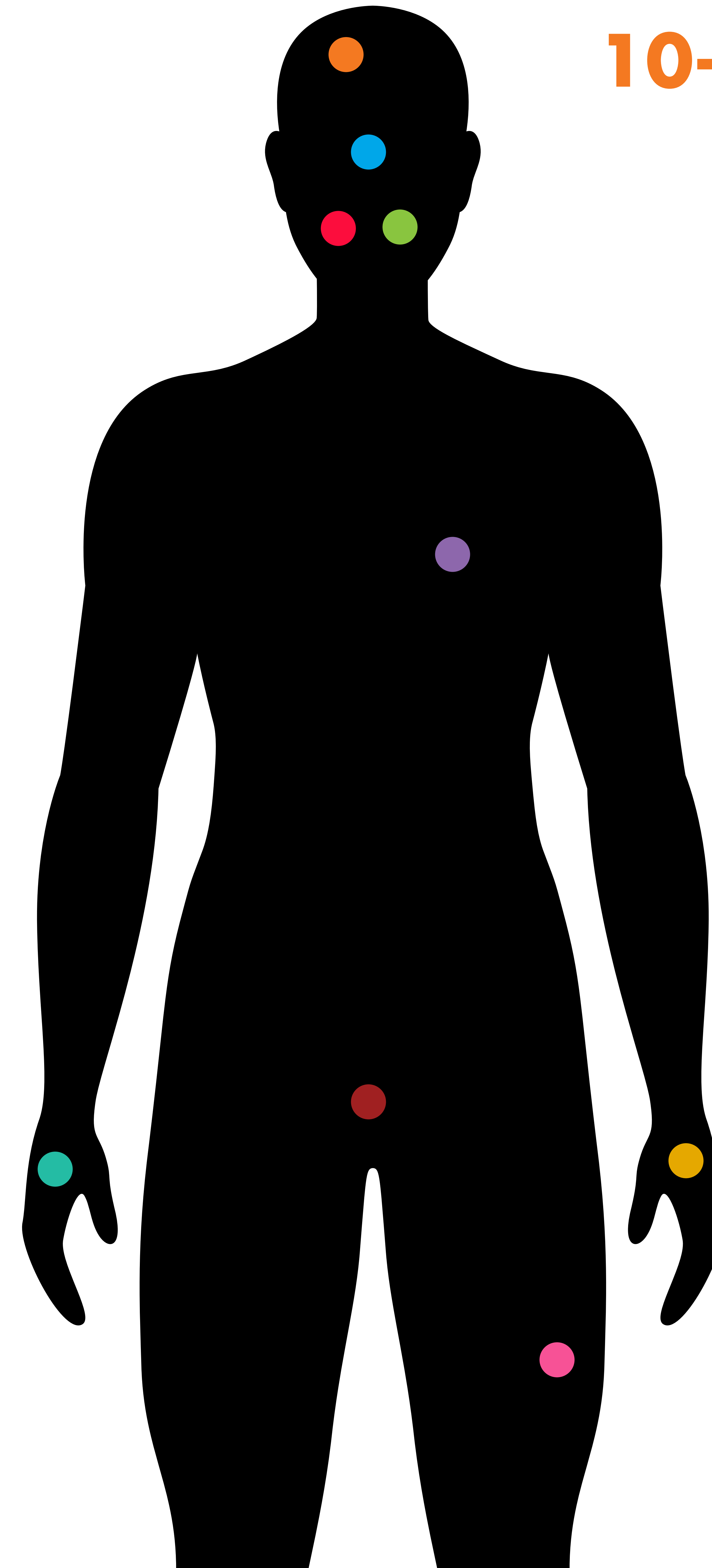


UNFAMILIAR, BUT UNDENIABLE

9 less-known medical symptoms affecting real people



The feeling of being much larger/smaller than you really are is a symptom of **ALICE IN WONDERLAND SYNDROME (AIWS)**, which may be linked to epilepsy.

PICA is an abnormal craving for non-food items, such as dirt, soap or paint chips and can be associated with a mineral deficiency, autism and schizophrenia.

A study finds the **INABILITY TO SMELL** peppermint, fish, orange, rose and leather could be an accurate early warning sign of Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

BREATH THAT SMELLS FRUITY (or like nail polish) indicates the presence of life-threatening diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA), accounting for 50% of deaths among type 1 diabetics.

50% OF SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATHS occur outside of a hospital, suggesting that many people do not act on early warning signs, including stomach pain, shortness of breath, chest palpitations, nausea and dizziness.

A limb's involuntary movement can be a symptom of **ALIEN HAND SYNDROME (AHS)**, which is associated with multiple sclerosis and other diseases.

Abnormally **SMALL, CRAMPED HANDWRITING (MICROGRAPHIA)**, is caused by the same processes in the brain that lead to other movement symptoms of Parkinson's disease.

CLOUDY URINE is a sign of urinary tract infection (UTI). One study showed that antibiotic resistance has triggered an increase in hospitalizations for UTIs, from 12.9% to 18.4%.

FREQUENT BRUISING on the back, legs and hands can indicate Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML). Other symptoms can include bone pain, nosebleeds, shortness of breath and fever.

10-20% have experienced infrequent AIWS events in their lives.

Pica is present in **10%** of children over age 12.

100% of Alzheimer's autopsies also showed olfactory pathology in the brain.

DKA has risen **6.3%** in people under age 45.

Heart disease is the **No.1** killer of women.

AHS was first recorded in **1909**.

Up to **75%** of Parkinson's patients have micrographia.

Women account for **71.4%** of UTI hospitalizations.

AML accounts for **80%** of leukemias.

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