

Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva -Second Skeleton

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What is FOP?

Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva is a progressive disease where an individual's skeleton grows calculations on top of itself due to flare-ups.

The Humanities

Medical and health humanities is centered around treating the individual.

It is how the humanities bring awareness to treating the person as a whole rather than their prognosis. Having the ability to differentiate disease, illness, and sickness aforementioned criteria allows for the individual to have the best treatment and outcome.

Conclusion

In medicine, disease, illness and sickness are often used interchangeably. The humanities bring awareness to treating the person as a whole rather than their prognosis. Having the ability to differentiate the aforementioned criteria allows for the individual to have the best treatment and outcome.

Disease

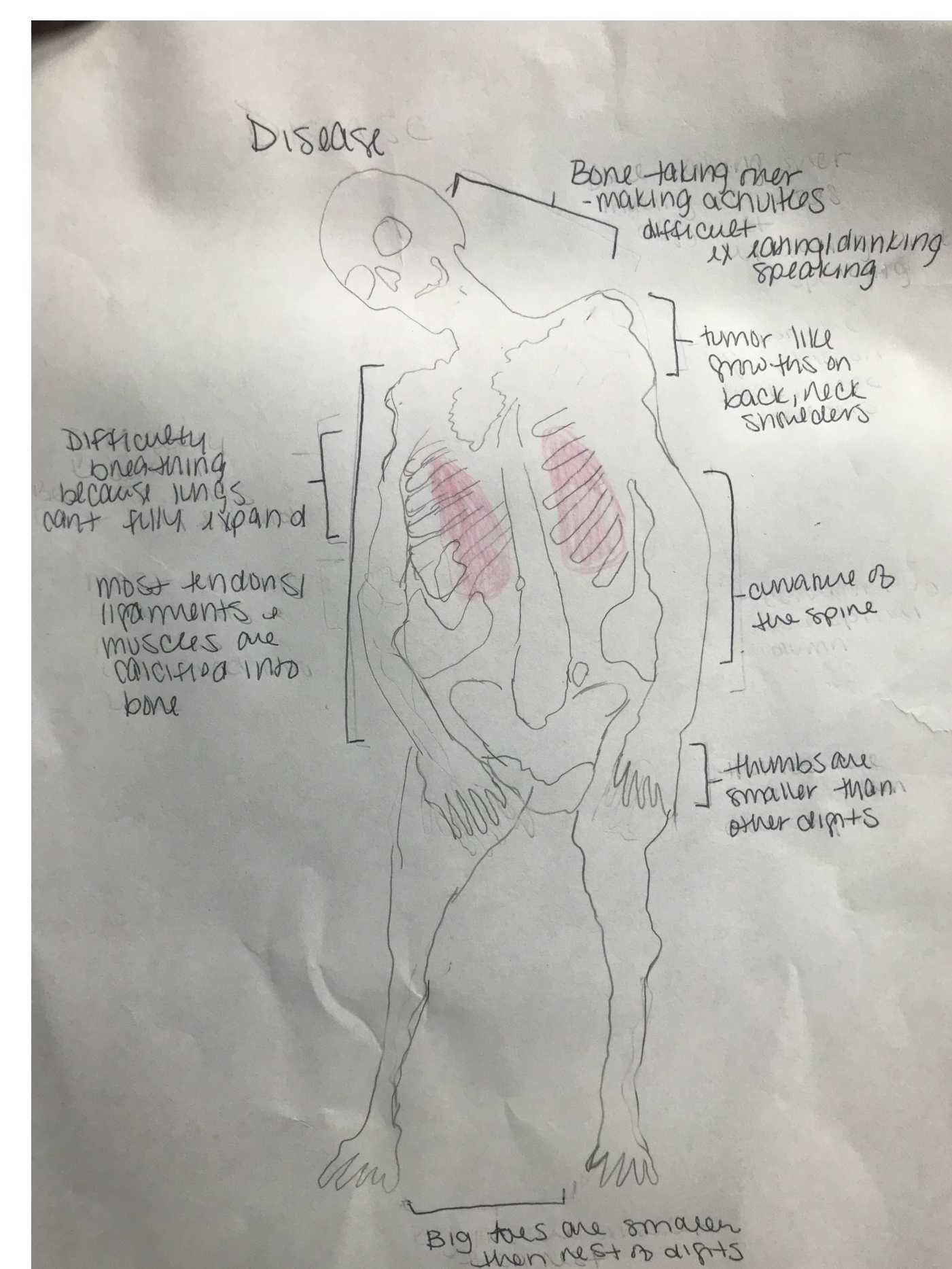
What is disease? Disease is the medical definition of a diagnosis.

FOP is a progressive disease, with no cure, in which the body's skeleton produces another skeleton on top of itself.

An individual's muscles, tissues and tendons calcify over time due to flare-ups which makes the body ridge and can cause difficulty breathing ("What Is Fibrodysplasia").

Birth signs of FOP most commonly is having smaller big toes and smaller thumbs in comparison to normal digits ("What Is Fibrodysplasia"). Additionally, the bony tumors begin to form at the neck and shoulders and as the disease progresses it begins to take over the rest of the body.

According to WebMD, "the growths are painful and soon turn into bone. These flare-ups repeat throughout your life and spread to the rest of your body" ("What Is Fibrodysplasia").



Illness

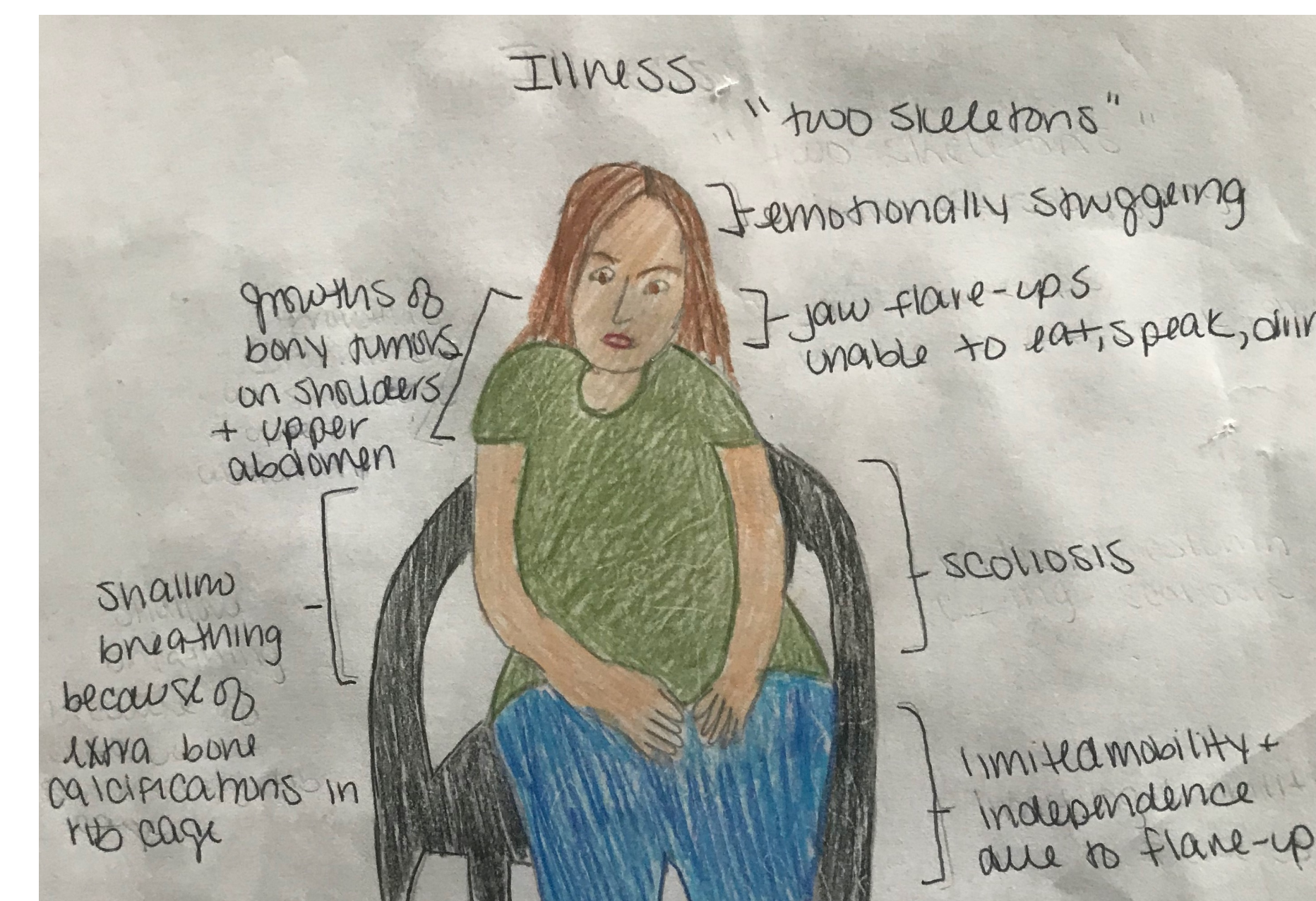
What is illness? Illness is an individual's account with the disease and will be different based on the tailored narrative portrayed from the individual themselves.

For example, a well known individual who is fighting FOP is Jasmin Floyd.

Jasmin has several social media accounts that she uses to advocate and spread awareness about her disease and how she lives with her medical diagnosis. Her Instagram page *twoskeletons* is a personal blog where she documents and updates her followers on her progressing condition.

Jasmin has created a timeline of changes that she is experiencing on a day to day basis.

Jasmin mental health is also a part of her FOP illness. According to her Instagram: "there are a lot of deep emotions and pain that I'm working on processing and understanding. The reality of FOP sometimes feels too intense to even know how to express right away; nearly every aspect of my life has changed in less than 6 months."



sickness

What is sickness? Sickness describes how society or a community expects a disease to present itself in a person.

The connotations and stigmas surrounding a disease can be more discouraging and detrimental to the individual than their actual prognosis.

Negative stigmas associated with people who have FOP can be described as portraying a mannequin, statue, or stone/gargoyle because of their lack of like due mobility and rigidity.

An individual who is experiencing FOP does not only experience the diagnosis but also the social victimization.

Not looking normal according to social standards can cause staring, pointing, and shaming for being different.

