THE MANY NAMES OF HS

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There are many names for HS; Hidradenitis Suppurativa, Acne Inversa, Verneuil's disease, Hidrosadénite Suppurée, Maladie de Verneuil, Idrosadenite Suppurativa to name a few, Even worse there is no cure or effective treatment that works for all of us.

Millions of adults, teenagers, and children across the world are living a life of HS Hell,

Am heartbreakingly aware as their desperate cries resonate like echoes within our HS community,

Not many medical professionals, the public, and even those with HS have ever heard it's name,

You wouldn't believe the lifetime of health and social inequality that HS brings us.

No one understands, it's easier to judge; oh, how we're stigmatised the #MillionsHidingHS, Are you aware there are different HS phenotypes and stages or that it not caused by infection? Misinformation, average of 7-9 years of misdiagnosis and fighting for a diagnosis are our norm, Exacerbates the mental, emotional, physical damage, on top of the HS Chinese water torture pain, Stigma and discrimination cause millions of us to hide, feeling ashamed and fearful of judgment.

Oppressed in our betraying bodies as HS insidiously invades us, hidden behind our fake smiles, **F**orsaken and isolated due to HS, ignorance, misconceptions, lack of education and awareness.

Hopeful for a future of understanding and compassion, for HS to be known about and understood, So internationally we're working together to #BringHStoLight for #MillionHidingHS worldwide!

This is dedicated to the millions of adults and children living with HS worldwide.