Jonathan Larson, creator of RENT, died suddenly at the age of 35 of a misdiagnosed aortic dissection, thought to have been caused by Marfan syndrome. His death could have been prevented.

1 in 5,000 people have Marfan syndrome, but half are not diagnosed. Knowing the signs is the key to an early and accurate diagnosis and life-saving treatment.

Some features of Marfan syndrome are easier to see than others: Long arms, legs, and fingers | Tall and thin body type | Curved spine | Sunken or protruding chest | Flexible joints | Flat feet | Crowded teeth | Unexplained stretch marks

Harder-to-detect signs include: Heart problems | Sudden collapse of a lung | Eye problems, including severe nearsightedness, dislocated lens, detached retina, early glaucoma, and early cataracts

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