

Down Syndrome

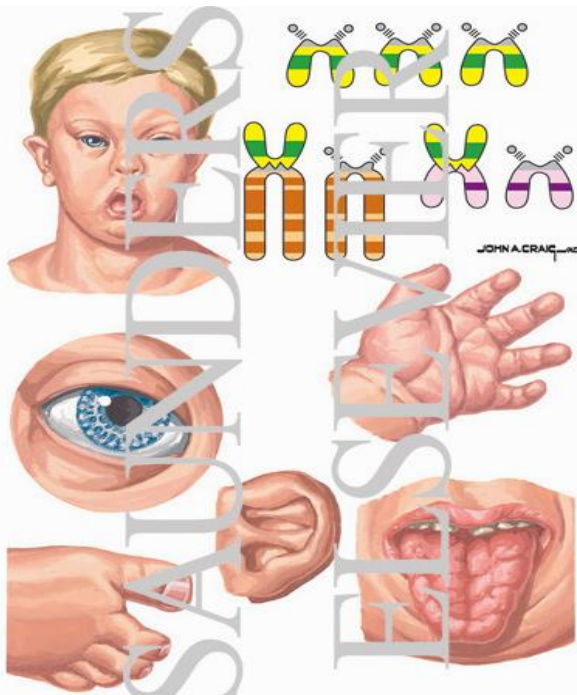
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What is Down syndrome?

“Down syndrome is a disorder that includes a combination of birth defects; among them, some degree of mental retardation, characteristic facial features and, often, heart defects, increased infections, problems with vision and hearing, and other health problems.. It generally is caused by an extra chromosome the structures in cells that contain the genetic information (genes).”

Birth Defects

When you think of Down Syndrome you wonder what it is. When you are born with Down Syndrome you get a lot of birth defects. They may have small eyes, small nose, very fat fingers which are simian creases, and bumps in the tongue.



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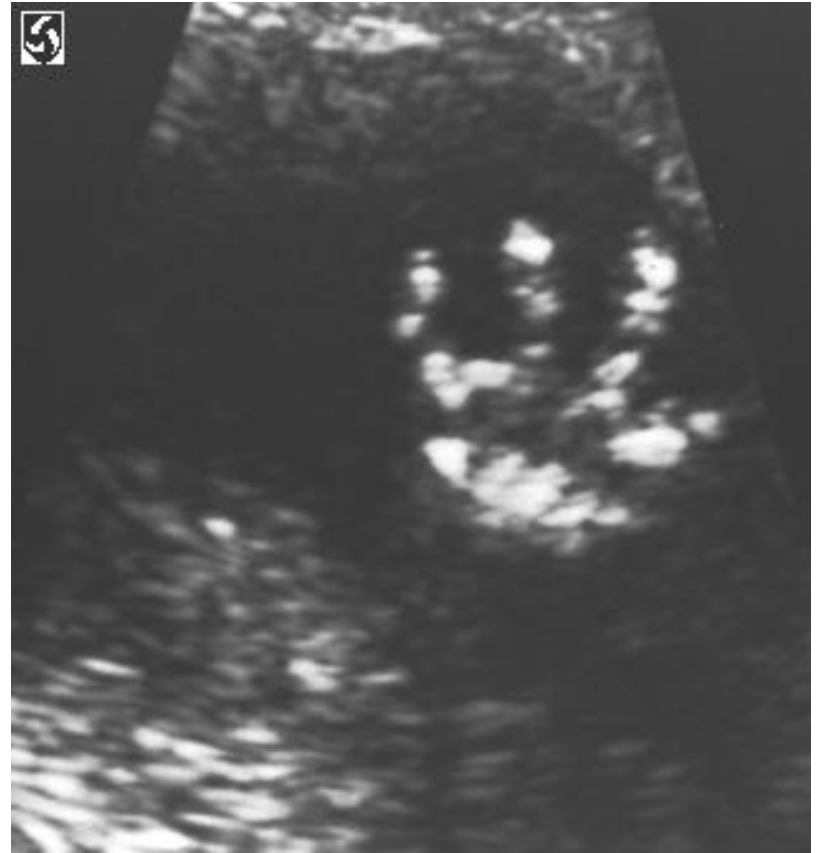
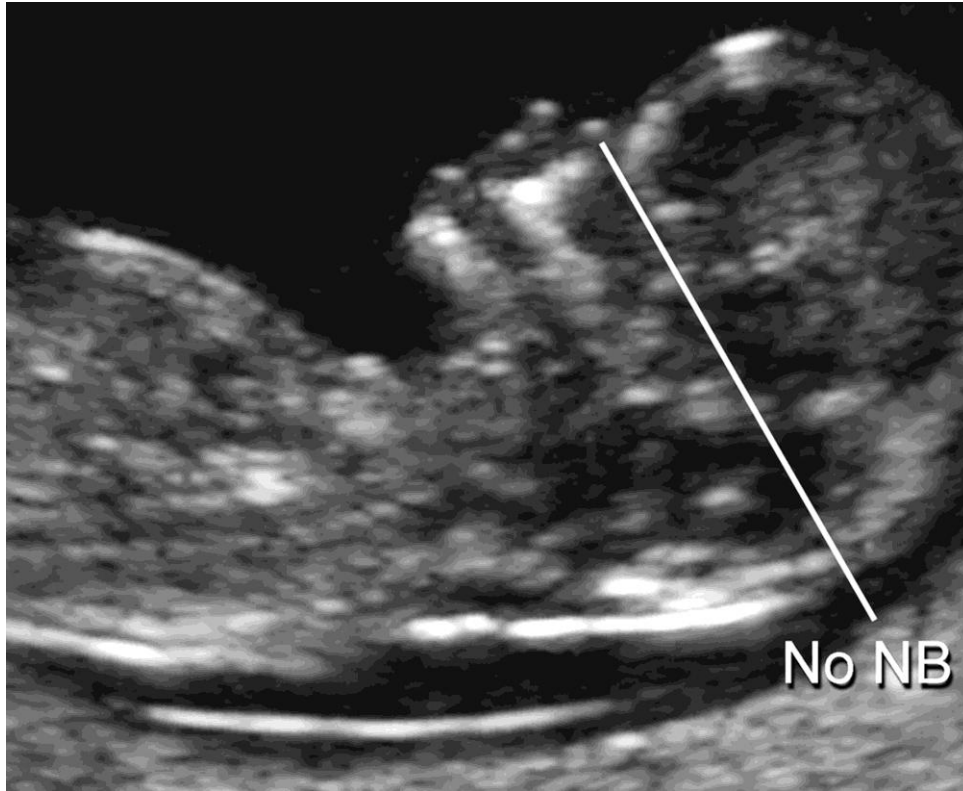


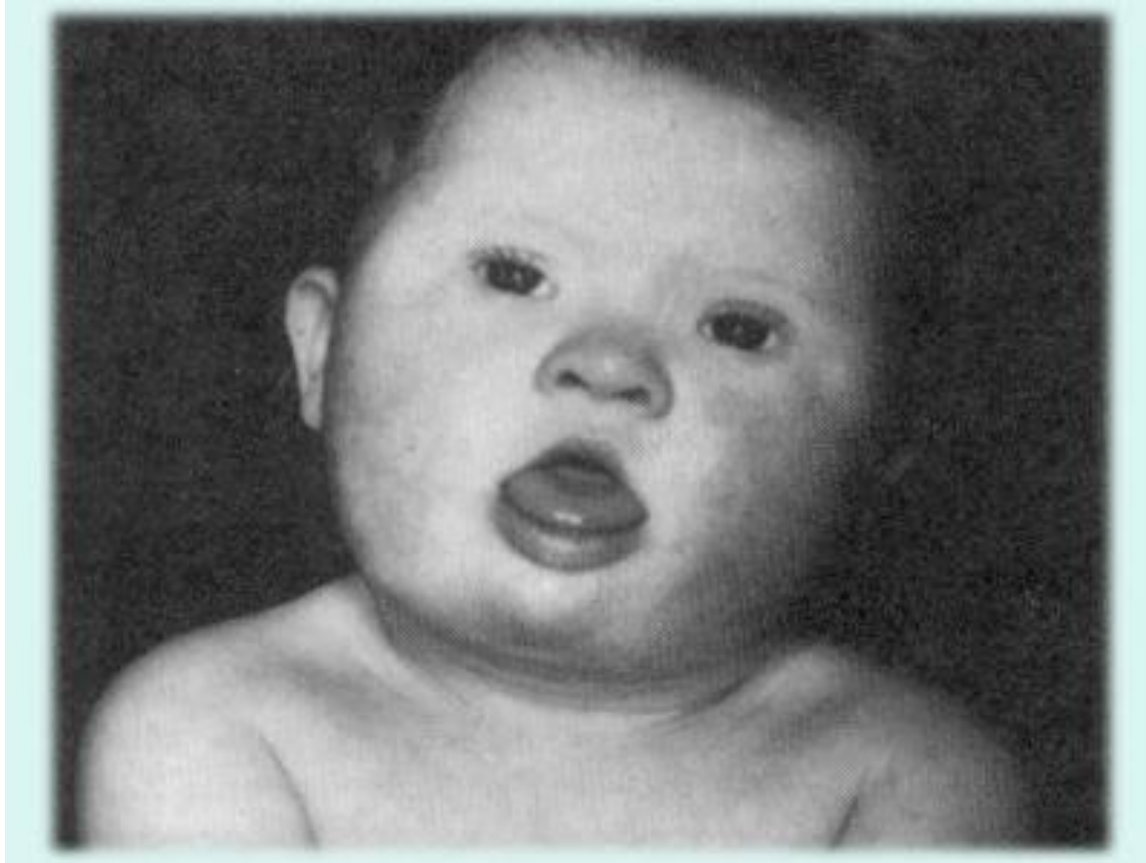
In this picture it is showing a babies belly button sticking out.



In this picture the babies eyes are wide spread apart, the ears are low set, and the tongue is sticking out due to low muscle tone

Abnormalities





This baby have a flat forehead and the tongue sticks out cause of low muscle tone.



This little baby has small eyes really far apart and flat forehead.



This Down Syndrome newborn baby has a very flat forehead and very long eyes the nose is flat. She is holding the babies head up because it doesn't have enough muscles to do it by its self.



This little toddler has a big but flat forehead and he is sticking his tongue out of his mouth because of low muscles to control his tongue.

The Creed of Babies with Down Syndrome
author unknown

My face might be different, But my feelings
the same, I laugh and I cry And I take pride in
my gains.

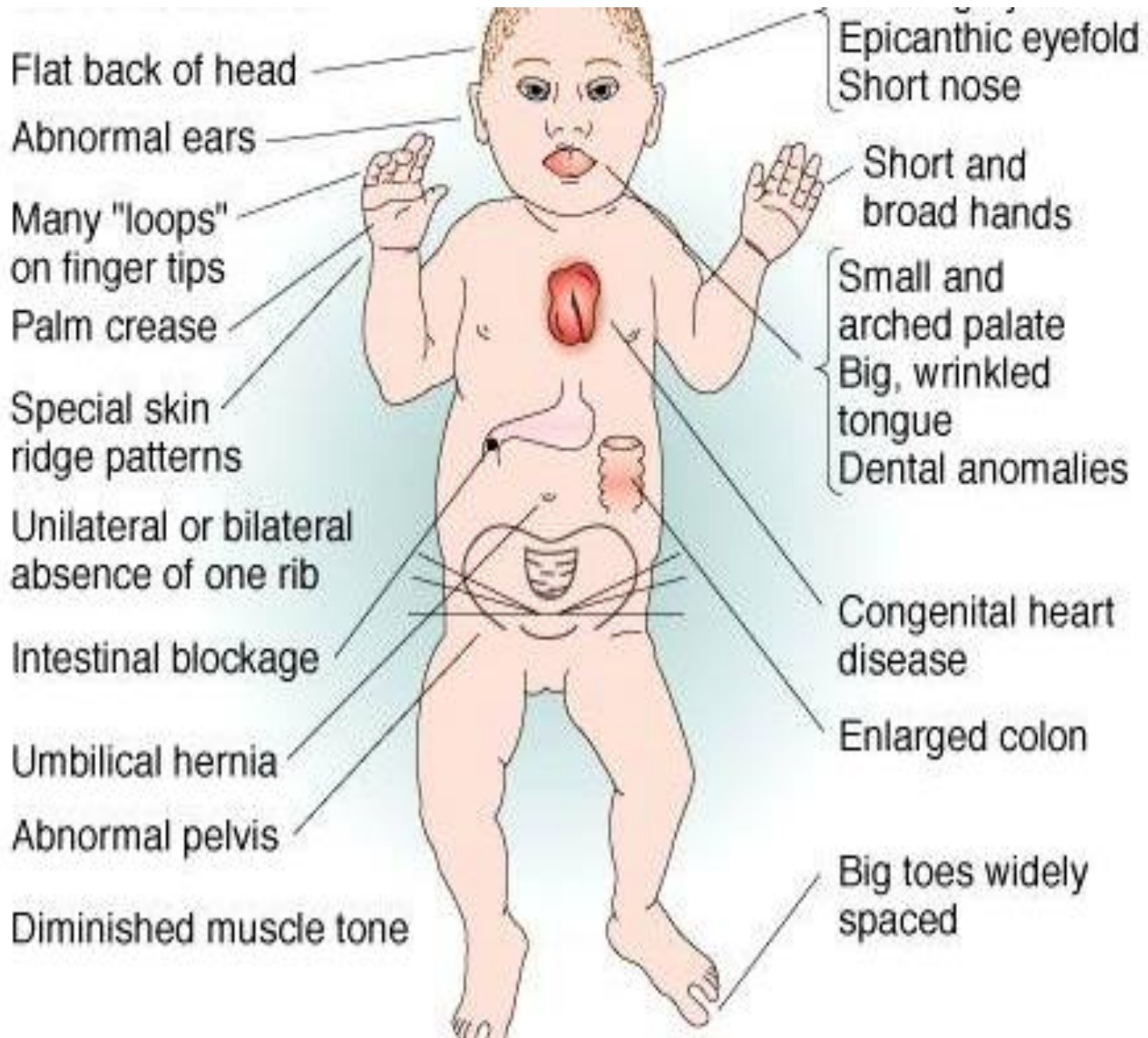
I was sent here among you, To teach you to
love, As god in the heavens Looks down from
above.

To him I'm no different, His love knows no
bounds, It's those here among you, In cities
and towns, That judge me by standards That
man has imparted. But this family I've chosen
Will help me get started.

For I'm one of the children, So special and
few, That came here to learn The same
lesson as you. That love is acceptance, It
must come from the heart. We all have the
same purpose Though not the same start.

The Lord gave me life To live and embrace,
And I'll do as you do But at my own pace.





Hypotonia
(decreased
muscle tone)



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The baby has very low muscles to hold up some of his weight.

Resources

- <http://www.afamscopingwithdowns.org/>
- www.istockphoto.com/file_closeup/who/emotions...
- www.pregnancyscan.co.uk/4671.html?*session*id...
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