DOWN SYNDROME

A GENETIC DISORDER THAT OCCURS WHEN A PERSON HAS A PARTIAL OR COMPLETE THIRD COPY OF CHROMOSOME 21.

RISK FACTORS

- DOWN SYNDROME CAN BE ACCOMPANIED BY:
  - BIRTH DEFECTS
  - INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES
  - CHARACTERISTIC FACIAL FEATURES
- HEALTH PROBLEMS INCLUDE:
  - HEART DEFECTS
  - VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS
  - HEARING IMPAIRMENTS
  - OTHER HEALTH PROBLEMS

TREATMENTS

DOWN SYNDROME IS A LIFELONG CONDITION. EARLY SERVICES CAN HELP BABIES AND CHILDREN IMPROVE THEIR PHYSICAL AND COGNITIVE ABILITIES.

FACTS

- DOWN SYNDROME IS ONE OF THE MOST COMMON GENETIC BIRTH DEFECTS.
  - 1 IN 700 BABIES, WHICH IS 6,000 BABIES PER DAY.
- THERE ARE 3 TYPES OF DOWN SYNDROME:
  - TRISOMY 21
  - TRANSLOCATION DOWN SYNDROME
  - MOSAIC DOWN SYNDROME
- BABIES WITH DOWN SYNDROME HAVE LOW MUSCLE TONE, WHICH IS WHY IT WILL TAKE THEM LONGER TO TALK, WALK, AND EAT.
  - THEY WORK EXTRA HARD, AND THEY GET THERE!

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