



DID YOU KNOW ?



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A genetic Condition



Down syndrome occurs naturally in about 1 per 800 births, evenly among boys and girls, across all races and socio-economical classes.

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March 21

3 copies of 21st chromosome

Down syndrome is the most common chromosomal condition. It occurs when a person has an extra 21st chromosome. The exact cause is still unknown.



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Named after a Doctor



Down syndrome was named after the English doctor, John Langdon Down, who was the first to categorize the common features of this condition.

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Person-first language



A person with Down syndrome is a person first and should be referred to as a "student with Down syndrome" instead of a "DOWNS student".

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Global Day of Awareness



World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD), March 21st, is a global day of awareness, officially observed by the United Nations since 2012.

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Ontario Down Syndrome Day

Bill 182, enacted in 2016 by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, officially proclaims every March 21st as Ontario Down Syndrome Day (ODSD).

