

FEBRUARY is: Turner Syndrome Awareness Month!

Does your daughter have any indicators of Turner Syndrome?

Short Stature - Average height untreated 4'8"
Frequent Ear Infections
Wide Short Neck
Small Jaw/Crowded Teeth
Many Moles
High Arched Palate (roof of the mouth)
Social Issues and Anxiety

Verbally Gifted!!
Low Set Ears and Hairline
Lazy Eye
Drooping Eyes
Upturned Fingernails
Educational Difficulties (Particularly Math)

How common is Turner Syndrome?

It affects 1 in 2000 girls. It's the second most common genetic disorder in females!!

Down Syndrome	1 in 1000
Turner Syndrome	1 in 2000
Cystic Fibrosis	1 in 3500

Turner Syndrome is under diagnosed!

Under-diagnosis and delayed diagnosis of TS is a problem, with the average age of diagnosis at 15 years, arriving too late for life-altering treatments, early interventions, and most importantly health screenings for a potentially fatal heart defect. The main goal of awareness is to reduce the age of a girl being diagnosed with TS from middle school age to early elementary school age.

What is Turner Syndrome?

It is a chromosomal condition that exclusively affects girls and occurs when one of the two X chromosomes normally found in females is missing or incomplete. A simple blood test, called a karyotype, will check for the absence of all or part of one X chromosome.

What health issues can develop without proper medical treatment?

Short Stature - Average height untreated 4'8"
Ovarian Failure and Infertility
Heart Defects
Hearing Loss
Kidney, Thyroid and Liver Concerns
Type II Diabetes
Lymphedema
Celiac Disease

Hypertension
Hypothyroidism
Scoliosis
Osteoporosis
Dental Problems
Educational Difficulties (Particularly Math)
Social Issues and Anxiety
Non-Verbal Learning Disorder

Take a closer look at short girls...screen early and offer treatment options for the best outcomes!

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