

Questions & Answers About Down Syndrome



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Question: What is Down syndrome?

Answer: Down syndrome is a genetic condition that results when a baby is born with three rather than the usual two copies of chromosome 21. Because there are three copies of chromosome 21, Down syndrome is also called "Trisomy 21."

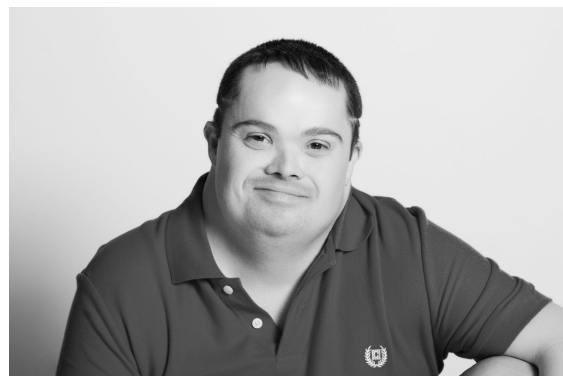


Question: What is the frequency of Down syndrome?

Answer: Down syndrome is the most frequently occurring chromosomal condition. Approximately 1 in every 700 babies is born with Down syndrome.

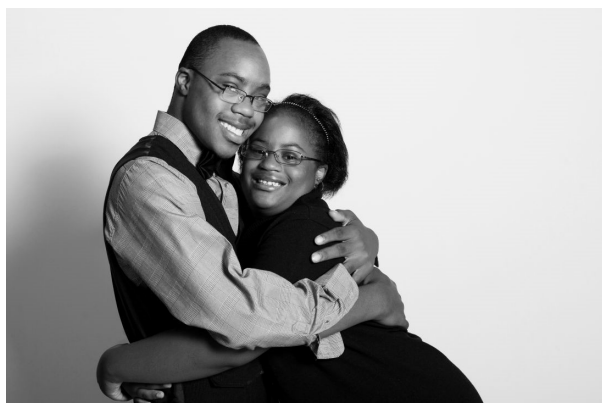
Question: How many people have Down syndrome?

Answer: It is estimated that between 250,000 and 400,000 people in the United States have Down syndrome. About 4 million people throughout the world have Down syndrome.



Question: What do people with Down syndrome do?

Answer: The same things you do! People with Down syndrome go to school, play sports, watch movies, and more. They may need some extra time to learn the ropes, but they can do the same things you do!



Question: Do individuals with Down syndrome like the same things as other individuals?

Answer: Yes! When you get to know someone with Down syndrome, you will find that they have unique personalities and interests, just like everyone else! They want to have fun and make new friends, like all people do.

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