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Wearing Blue For Dup15q

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#BlueForDup15q



Dup15q Syndrome is a disorder resulting from extra copies of genes on chromosome 15, region 15q11.2-13.1.

Chromosome 15 is one of the 23 pairs of chromosomes in humans. Humans are born with 2 copies of each chromosome - 1 copy from mom and 1 from dad. Each chromosome has unique regions or bands that contain genes. This makes you, uniquely YOU!



Our genes tell our bodies how to grow and develop, so having extra genes can change how a person develops. In Dup15q Syndrome development can change in several ways.

- ▶ Low muscle tone, this makes everything from walking to writing and a lot in between hard.
- ▶ Developmental delays beginning when they are very young. You may see It may take longer to learn things than other kids their age.
- ▶ People with Dup15q Syndrome often also have difficulty communicating and/or autism. Imagine trying to tell your friend about your day without using words.
- ▶ Many people with Dup15q Syndrome also have seizures. Most of the time it's hard to find medicines that make the seizures stay away.

Even with all of these complex medical issues, people with Dup15q Syndrome are sweet, curious, energetic and live life to its fullest!

