



Down syndrome

Down syndrome is caused by having an extra copy of part or all of chromosome 21.

Down syndrome symptoms vary from person to person and can range from mild to severe.

Features of Children with Down syndrome	
Very flexible Joints	Difficulty seeing and hearing
Low muscle tone	Heart problems at birth
Weak muscles	Intestinal problems at birth
Balance problems	Delayed development
Lower intelligence	Difficulty feeding when young
Late and poor language development	Difficulty caring for themselves

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