



International 22q11.2 Foundation

OUR MISSION: To improve the quality of life for individuals affected by the 22q11.2 differences through family and professional partnerships.

November is 22q Awareness Month

WHAT WE DO: Provide Support. Raise Awareness about chromosome 22q11.2 differences with healthcare providers and the general public. Advocate for families. Share facts and the latest research. Facilitate family and professional networking. Empower families through resources, conferences and webinars.

WHO WE ARE: The International 22q11.2 Foundation has an extensive Board of Directors, the majority of whom are parents. The remaining board members are clinical and scientific advisors who help to share the most up to date research and recommendations with families in order to help them navigate this complex diagnosis.

SUPPORT | RESOURCES | HOPE | EDUCATION

What is 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome?

The 22q11.2 deletion syndrome is a genetic condition caused by a missing section (microdeletion) of chromosome 22, which is present from the time a child is conceived. The 22q11.2 deletion is almost as common as Down syndrome. It is present in 1 out of every 1,000 pregnancies, in 1 in 68 children with congenital heart disease, and in 5 to 8 percent of children born with cleft palate. The deletion has the potential to affect almost every system in the body and can cause a wide range of health problems — although no two people are ever exactly alike or affected in the same way.

What is 22q11.2 Duplication Syndrome?

The 22q11.2 duplication is a genetic condition caused by an extra piece of genetic material on chromosome 22, which is present from the time a child is conceived. This can cause problems at birth like a heart defect, learning differences, autism, or nothing at all. Even members of the same family may have differing features.

Help us Raise Awareness this November:

- Share your story
- Make sure to follow us, like us, and share our daily postings on all our social media outlets. We will be posting daily facts, inspirational quotes and important links to medical guidelines and research.
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- Instagram – [@22qfoundation](https://www.instagram.com/22qfoundation)
- Twitter – [@22qfoundation](https://twitter.com/22qfoundation)
- Email us your photo and we will create an awareness image for social media *“Let’s Shine a Light on 22q”*



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