

Syndactyly

FACTS:

- **Syndactyly is a condition where a child has finger or toes that are joined together or not formed completely.**
- **Fingers and toes can be short or curved or formed together.**
- **Syndactyly can be genetic—passed down by the parents. It can also happen while the baby grows inside the mother.**
- **Children with syndactyly can usually do anything that a child with normal appearing fingers and toes can do. They may need help learning how to do daily activities like dressing.**
- **Children with syndactyly can live long and healthy lives.**



Syndactyly affects a child's fingers and/or toes.



These children can learn to do everything when given encouragement.

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TREATMENT:

- Check with a doctor to see if treatment is needed.
- Surgery may or may not be needed to correct the involved fingers or toes.
- Physical therapy can help children learn to do daily tasks with ease. Children should be encouraged to engage in normal play and other activities. This will give them a chance to develop and improve their motor skills. With practice children with syndactyly can do everything!
- Children may prefer to wear clothes without buttons. Shirts with zippers or pants with elastic waists make getting dressed easier.
- Cups and bowls with handles may be helpful at mealtime.



Clothing without buttons can make dressing easier.



Families around the world would love to adopt a child with syndactyly.