

## CROSSED WORDS

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### **Answer: Noonan syndrome**

Noonan syndrome is a disease that can be passed down through families (inherited). It causes abnormal development in many parts of the body. Noonan syndrome used to be called Turner-like syndrome.

Noonan syndrome is an autosomal dominant condition linked to defects in several genes. Symptoms include delayed puberty, down-slanting or wide-set eyes, hearing loss (varies), low-set or abnormally shaped ears, mild intellectual disability in about 25% of cases, ptosis, short stature, small penis, undescended testicles, unusual chest shape (usually pectus excavatum), and a webbed and short-appearing neck. (Source: National Library of Medicine, online at [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmedhealth/PMH0002621/](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmedhealth/PMH0002621/)) **AI**