



*Is he lagging behind?*

*is it Duchenne?*

## WHAT IS DUCHENNE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY?

Duchenne muscular dystrophy is a rare genetic disease affecting mainly boys. Early signs or symptoms of Duchenne may appear before a child's second birthday. **Common early signs and symptoms include delays and difficulties in:**



Head control, sitting  
and crawling



Rising or getting  
up from the floor



Walking, running  
or climbing



Speech

**EARLY DIAGNOSIS** can help give these boys access to the care they deserve.

Teams of doctors and other professionals work together to help ensure boys with Duchenne receive the best possible care aiming to optimise their quality of life.

**Friday 7 September 2018** is **World Duchenne Awareness Day**.

Some of the families of the 250,000 individuals globally with Duchenne are working together to ensure a better future for all boys with the condition.



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