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# THE CHROMOSOME 18 REGISTRY & RESEARCH SOCIETY



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*To help individuals  
with chromosome 18 abnormalities  
overcome the challenges they face  
so they might lead happy,  
healthy and productive lives.*

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# THE CHROMOSOME 18 REGISTRY & RESEARCH SOCIETY

## Providing Unity and Opportunity for Our Families Through...

### Service

#### Newsletter:

*Memo for Members* is published to keep our members informed about organizational news, research progress, social and political issues that affect our members.

#### Annual Conference:

Provides families with an unparalleled opportunity to meet other families and learn about the latest advances.

#### Parent Network:

A list of names and addresses of member parents and legal guardians who wish to communicate with one another.

#### Listserv:

Multiple email forums that are syndrome specific or for other member special interest groups.

### Education

#### Syndrome Information:

Available to anyone who wishes to better understand the abnormalities of chromosome 18.

#### Resource Center:

We are the primary center for information on the abnormalities of chromosome 18.

#### Website:

[www.chromosome18.org](http://www.chromosome18.org)

### Research

**Facilitate** research into the syndromes of chromosome 18 through direct research support and by encouraging others to do the same. We have established a comprehensive clinical research center to coordinate activity aimed at solving the special medical and educational needs of our families. The Chromosome 18 Clinical Research Center is located at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

## What are the abnormalities of Chromosome 18?

**Trisomy 18** There are three copies of chromosome 18 instead of the usual two.

**Partial Trisomy 18** A piece of chromosome 18 has been duplicated.

**18q-** There is a piece missing from the long arm of chromosome 18.

**18p-** There is a piece missing from the short arm of chromosome 18.

**Tetrasomy 18p** An extra chromosome is present which is made up of two copies of the short arm of chromosome 18.

**Ring 18** One of the copies of chromosome 18 forms a ring.

*There are also many other individuals with other unique rearrangements of chromosome 18.*

## How are people with these syndromes affected?

These syndromes are highly variable. Some affected individuals are severely handicapped and are very medically fragile. However, most have more mild physical problems, and most—but not all—individuals have some degree of developmental delay.

## What does the future hold?

We believe there are no incurable conditions, only ones which have not yet been understood. We are dedicated to seeing that treatments for the abnormalities of chromosome 18 are developed. To do this we will need your help.

*The Registry is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt organization supported by memberships and donations from individuals and charitable organizations. We have met the strict criteria for fiscal responsibility set by the Combined Federal Campaign and are designated as agency #10291. All donations are tax deductible. Membership is open to all interested persons.*

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Indicate chromosome anomaly below:

Trisomy 18

18q-

Trisomy 18p

Tetrasomy 18p

18p-

Ring 18

Trisomy 18q

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name of affected person:

\_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you wish to be included in *The Chromosome 18 Parent Network* (signature required).

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