Little People of Hong Kong (LPHK)

Our stories

When Madeline was born, the doctors told her she may never walk. She not only walks, but attempts to do novices. We have had medical worries, including a 4-month stay in NICU at birth and surgery to repair her colostomy. We will have more surgeries in her future, including a spinal surgery, and will always need to monitor her health closely. We have high hopes and expecta- tions for Madeline's future, and I know she can do anything she wants to do – just in a different way to other kids.

 служитель матери Маделин
(5-летняя девушка с синдромом Дурауа)

Living with dwarfism is not easy – coping with physical deformities, finding the right school to gain social acceptance. We take every effort that Nathan wants to overcome the chal- lenges associated with his medical condition. With the love and support from medical professionals, teachers, family and friends, we trust that Nathan will grow up as a happy and confident child who will become a valuable member of society.

служитель матери Наташа
(5-летняя девочка с синдромом Дурауа)

Aging’s journey will be more difficult than that of others. She will face huge pressure and will find it difficult to do what other people find easy. As a mother, I can only hope that God will give little girl extra strength against adversity, a cheerful resilient character, a heart which can move people, and the strength to face injustice and discrimination of society. May she always have a strong spirit.

служитель матери Гима
(5-летняя девушка с синдромом Дурауа)

Skeletal Dysplasias (also known as Short-stature dysplasias)

Dwarfism is generally defined as an adult height of 4 feet 10 inches or less. Patients are often referred to as "little people.

There are more than 200 different types of dwarfism and most are known as skeletal dysplasias, which are conditions of abnormal bone growth. These occur in 1 in every 10,000 births.

The most common skeletal dysplasia is achondro- plasia, a short-limbed dysplasia that occurs in about 1 in every 20,000 babies of all races and ethnicities.

Other relatively common genetic conditions that result in short stature include diastrophic dysplasia, pseudohypoparathyroidism type 1A (PHP1, pseudohypoparathyroidism dysplasia congenital (EDC), and osteogenesis imper- fecta (OI)).

Causes

Most types of dwarfism are caused by a genetic or genetic mutation in the egg or sperm cell prior to con- ception. What prompts the gene to mutate is not yet understood. The changes can random and unpreventable, and can occur in any pregnancy.

Misconceptions

Many wrongly believe that people of short stature have limitation in their abilities or personality disorders. In fact, most individuals with short stature achieve a full length, which is to be able to be very productive members of society.

Help and advice

Little People of Hong Kong (LPHK) provides people of short stature and their families with a supportive com- munity. Check out our website at www.lphkg.org

Our relatives

People with physical differences caused by rare bone diseases deserve the same rights and opportunities to live a meaningful life and become a valuable member of society.

Our goals

We strive to help rare bone diseases patients to live an independent and fulfilling life by overcoming challenges associated with their physical disabilities.

We achieve our mission through:

• Establishing a support group which enhances the physical, psycho- logical and social well-being of patient families;
• Providing useful and timely medical information to patient families;
• Promoting social acceptance of patients by educating the public about rare bone diseases;
• Raising funds to provide services for patient families in order to enhance their quality of life.

Our governance

LPHK is primarily a volunteer organization operated by an Execu- tive Committee supported by an Advisory Board which consists of physicians and professionals.

Join us to make a difference!

Getting to know us.

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[] I/my family member suffer(s) from skeletal dysplasia

Tell us if you would like to:

[] Join the Friends of LPHK Network
[] Receive regular updates from LPHK
[] Make donations to LPHK
[] Monthly donation: HK $100
[] One-off donation: HK $1,000
[] Become a volunteer

Corrections & updates to this page can be made at www.lphkg.org

Other ways to support our work...

Corporations

• Organise fund-raising activities for us as part of your corporate event
• Provide internships or employment opportunities for Little People
• Promote us in your corporate website

Schools

• Adopt an inclusive policy in your school
• Invite us to give talks to students on topics of acceptance and respect
• Place our donation box and publications at your school
• Organise fund-raising activities for us

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