

Nager Syndrome

Nager Syndrome, a rare craniofacial disorder involves: downward slanting eyelids, absence or underdeveloped cheekbones, severe underdevelopment of the lower jaw, malformed outer and middle ears, cleft palate, absence of lower eyelashes and scalp hair extending onto the cheek. Underdeveloped or missing thumbs and occasional absence of the radial limb are also characteristic.

Among the additional problems facing children with Nager syndrome are stomach and kidney reflux, hearing loss and possible limitations in arm motion as well as, at times, heart problems related to the syndrome.

The exact cause of this condition is unknown but there is indication that it is genetically based.

Tracheostomy to aid breathing, gastrostomy to assure adequate nutrition and craniofacial procedures on the jaw and ears are some of the procedures that those with Nager syndrome may undergo.