

ANGELMAN SYNDROME (AS)

Angelman Syndrome (**AS**) is a neuro-genetic disorder characterized by intellectual and developmental delay, sleep disturbance, seizures, jerky movements especially hand-flapping, frequent laughter or smiling, and usually a happy demeanour. AS is a classic example of genetic imprinting in that it is usually caused by deletion or inactivation of genes on the maternally inherited chromosome 15.

The sister syndrome, **Prader-Willi Syndrome**, is caused by a similar loss of paternally-inherited genes. **AS** is named after a British pediatrician, Dr. Harry Angelman, who first described the syndrome in 1965.

An older, alternative term for both because of the syndrome's name and because of their youthful, happy appearance. **AS**, happy puppet syndrome, is generally considered pejorative and stigmatizing so it is no longer used, though it remains useful as a diagnostic heuristic. People with **AS** are sometimes known as "**Angels**".

ASSERT (Angelman Syndrome Support Education And Research Trust) **Telephone: 0300 999 01 02**
Assert is a United Kingdom based support group. We are all volunteers who have direct contact with people with Angelman Syndrome. The majority of the trustee's are parents or relatives of children or adults with Angelman Syndrome. They can help in many ways. If you are a parent we can offer advice and support on a wide range of problems you will face. If you are a carer or professional they can offer information and experiences based on real life caring.

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Website: www.angelmanuk.org

ANGELS WITHOUT VOICES

Is an organisation to raise awareness and much needed funds for Angelman Syndrome (A.S)

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ANGELMAN SYNDROME FOUNDATION

The Angelman Syndrome Foundation's mission is to advance the awareness and treatment of Angelman Syndrome through education and information, research, and support for individuals with Angelman Syndrome, their families and other concerned parties.

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ANGELMAN PROJECT

The Angelman Project is the first in a series of multi-media databases on low incidence disorders. Working collaboratively with experts in the disciplines related to the study of Angelman Syndrome in education, medicine, and science, The Angelman Project makes use of the latest advances in communication technology to acquire current data on Angelman Syndrome. We hope that this site will become an invaluable resource for physicians, therapists, researchers, educators, families and all those interested and we welcome your feedback.

Website: www.angelmanproject.com

PRADER-WILLI SYNDROME ASSOCIATION (UK)

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The Association was founded in 1981 by a small group of parents and a doctor with an interest in PWS. It became a registered charity on 13 May 1982. Since that time it has grown to include over 750 families and individuals affected by PWS in its membership. We also have over 500 professional members from the fields of health, social services, education, residential and community care. They offer a range of services to help families, people with PWS, and professionals in all fields.

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