

Waardenburg Syndrome

Read this page to find out about Waardenburg Syndrome.

What Waardenburg Syndrome is

Waardenburg Syndrome (WAR-den-burg sin-DRUM) is passed on from parent to child. Waardenburg Syndrome is different for each person.

- Most children with Waardenburg Syndrome have skin, hair, and eye color that look different.
- Children with WS are often born with some hearing loss.

What Waardenburg Syndrome looks like

Children with Waardenburg Syndrome may have:

- Two different colored eyes, like one blue and one brown
- Different hair color, like a patch of white or gray hair
- Wide space between the corners of their eyes
- Low hairline
- Eyebrows that connect
- Changes in skin, like patches of very light skin
- Hearing loss or deafness

Babies born with [cleft lip or palate](#) may also have Waardenburg Syndrome. Cleft lip and palate is a separation between the lip and mouth.

- They are more likely to have buildup of fluid in the middle ear.
- This can lead to hearing loss.

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