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ANGELMAN SYNDROME (AS)

Angelman Syndrome (**AS**) is a neuro-genetic disorder characterized by intellectual and developmental delay, sleep disturbance, seizures, jerky movement's 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 paediatrician, 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) **Helpline: 0300 999 0102**

Assert is a United Kingdom based support group. They are volunteers who have direct contact with people with **AS**. The majority of the trustees are parents or relatives of children or adults with **AS**. 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.

PO Box 4962, Nuneaton CV11 9FD

Website: www.angelmanuk.org

PRADER-WILLI SYNDROME ASSOCIATION (UK)

Helpline: 01332 365676

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. They offer a range of services to help families, people with PWS, and professionals in all fields.

PWSA, 125a London Rd, Derby, DE1 2QQ

Website: www.pwsa.co.uk

ANGELMAN SYNDROME FOUNDATION

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

Website: www.angelman.org

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 **AS** in education, medicine, and science, The Angelman Project makes use of the latest advances in communication technology to acquire current data on **AS**. They hope that this site will become an invaluable resource for physicians, therapists, researchers, educators, families and all those interested.

Website: www.angelmanproject.com

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