

# CRI DU CHAT FACT SHEET

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Cri-Du Chat (cat's cry) is a rare genetic disorder that results when a piece of the sp chromosome is deleted. The name is French for "cry of the cat," referring to the high-pitched cat-life cry. Other characteristics include intellectual disability, hyperactivity, and delay development.

## Signs and Symptoms

- Abdominal Hernia
- Bowel Abnormalities
- Coughing when swallowing
- Chronic Constipation
- Downward slant to the eyes
- Drooling
- Feeding Issues
- Frequent ear Infections
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Sensory Defensiveness
- Sleep Disorder
- Short Attention Span
- Tactile Defensiveness
- Visual Problems

## Cri du Chat Facts

- The syndrome gets its name from the infant cry which is similar to a meowing kitten
- The cry is due to issues with the larynx and nervous system
- About one third of children lose the cry by the age of 2 years.
- It is also known as 5p- (5p minus)
- The size of the deletion varies among affected individuals
- Cri du chat syndrome is not inherited.
- About 10 percent of people with cri du chat syndrome inherits it from an unaffected parent.
- It is a chromosomal condition that results when a piece of chromosome 5 is missing
- People diagnosed with cri du chat tend to have distinctive facial features
- Occurs in an estimated 1 in 20,000 to 50,000 newborns
- Cri du chat is found in people of all ethnic backgrounds