

Genetics

When a baby is born with a genetic disease there is an immediate impact on the whole family. There is a feeling of grief and loss also denial refusing to accept the diagnosis which may prevent the parents from accepting appropriate medical care.

There may be the same reaction in later life when a condition develops. The first thing the physician asks nowadays is “Does it run in the family?” The reply is often “It doesn’t run in my side of the family”

Here is a list of conditions that have been known to run in the Bird Childs and Goldsmith families in alphabetical order giving no prevalence to the numbers involved. It may help you to get support or advice from other members of the extended family if one of the diseases occurs in your family unit.

Alzheimer’s
Asperger’s Syndrome
Asthma
Blood Diseases
Breast Cancer
Cerebral Palsy
Colour Blindness
Coronary Heart Disease
Diabetes
Downs Syndrome
Dyslexia
Epilepsy
Hip Dysplegia (infantile)
Hypertension
Naevus
Paget’s Disease
Peripheral Vascular Disease
Personality Disorders
Premature White Hair
Rhesus Negative Blood Group
Scoliosis
Strokes
Vitiligo