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Angelman Syndrome (AS) Is a Rare and Severe Neurodevelopmental Disorder¹⁻⁴



AS is a rare, monogenic, neurodevelopmental disorder that is caused by a loss of function in the maternally inherited UBE3A gene.¹⁻⁴ The majority of AS cases (~70%-75%) are caused by deletions in the UBE3A gene, leading to the most severe symptoms. Truncations or missense mutations, imprinting center defects, and paternal uniparental disomy can also cause AS.³⁻⁷



The diagnosed prevalence of AS is approximately 1 in 21,000 people worldwide.^{3,6,8,9} AS symptoms and impairments present early in life and persist throughout a normal lifespan, resulting in medical challenges that require lifelong care.^{3,5,10-13}

The lack of FDA-approved disease-modifying therapies, combined with the severity of the condition, results in high unmet clinical needs for individuals with AS and their families.^{14,15}

AS Is Characterized by a Range of Impairments, Including Communication, Cognitive, Motor, and Behavioral Manifestations^{3,5,13}

AS is characterized by intellectual disability. seizures, communication difficulty, a very happy demeanor with frequent laughter, sleep disturbances, delays in fine and gross motor milestones, and movement issues (Figure 1).^{3,5,13}

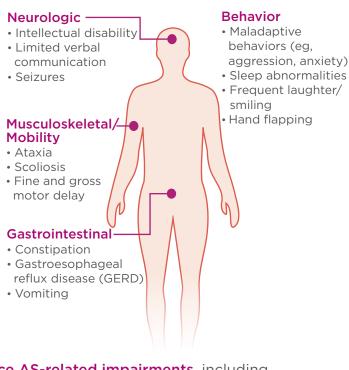
Individuals with AS may be asymptomatic at birth.

but often have feeding problems in the first months of life, developmental delays between 6 and 12 months, and seizures beginning around 2 to 3 years of age.^{3,5,13,16}

Clinical signs and symptoms of AS may vary based

on genetic subtype. Expressive communication and cognitive impairment are universal features of AS, with most severe disability seen in those with deletion subtype. Epilepsy is also common in all subtypes, with higher rates in those with deletion subtype and later onset in the nondeletion subtype (>5 years of age). Microcephaly is often seen in those with deletion subtype but not as frequently noted in other subtypes, while hyperphagia is more common in those with uniparental disomy or imprinting defects.^{10,17}

Figure 1: Primary Symptoms Associated With AS^{3,5,13}



In adulthood, individuals with AS continue to experience AS-related impairments, including cognitive disability, communication difficulties, anxiety, issues with self-care, and further decline in mobility. Sleep, seizures, and hyperactivity often become less significant impairments as individuals with AS age. 3,5,10,11

Individuals with AS have a near-normal life expectancy but require lifelong care^{3,10}

FDA, US Food and Drug Administration; UBE3A, ubiquitin protein ligase E3A gene

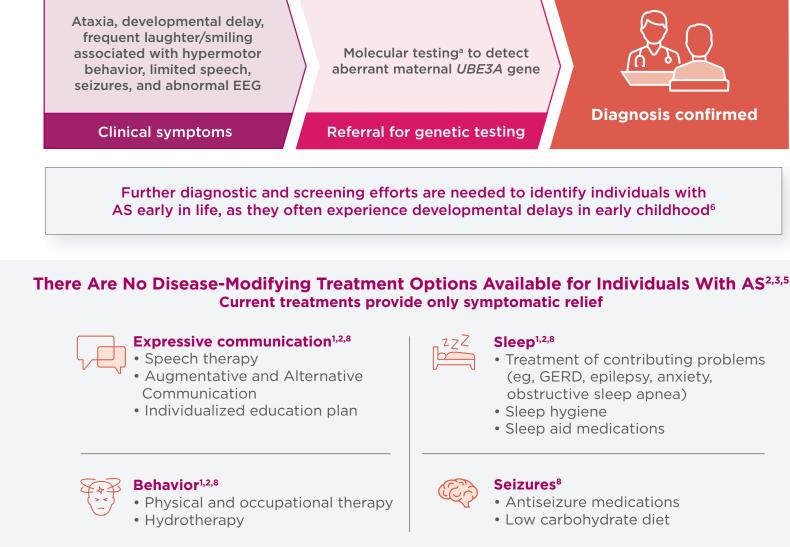
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Prompt Diagnosis and Interventions Targeting the Underlying Pathophysiology of Angelman Syndrome (AS) Are Critical Unmet Needs¹⁻³



Figure 2: Diagnosis Is Made by Clinical Observation Followed by Confirmatory UBE3A Genetic Testing^{1-4,7}



^aTests include methylation studies, chromosome microarray, uniparental disomy studies, imprinting center studies, and gene sequencing.^{3,4,9} EEG, electroencephalogram; GERD, gastroesophageal reflux disease; UBE3A, ubiquitin protein ligase E3A gene. 1. Wheeler AC, et al. Orphanet J Rare Dis. 2017;12(1):164. 2. Angelman syndrome. National Organization for Rare Disorders. Updated February 14, 2018. Accessed December 12, 2024. https://rarediseases.org/rare-diseases/angelman-syndrome/?filter=ovr-ds-resources/ 3. Madaan M, Mendez MD. StatPearls. Treasure Island (FL): StatPearls Publishing; January 2024. 4. Maranga C, et al. FEBS J. 2020;287(11):2154-2175. 5. Wheeler AC, et al. J Neurodev Disord. 2023;15(1):37. 6. Williams CA, et al. Am J Med Genet. 1995;56:237-238. 7. Clayton-Smith J, et al. J Med Genet. 2003;40(2):87-95. 8. Duis J, et al. Mol Genet Genomic Med. 2022;10(3):e1843. 9. Testing and Diagnosis. Angelman Syndrome Foundation. Accessed December 12, 2024. https://www.angelman.org/what-is-as/testing-and-diagnosis/

Disorders with overlapping symptomology⁴

- Alpha-thalassemia
- Lennox-Gastaut syndrome
- Rett syndrome
- Infant autism spectrum disorder
 X-linked intellectual disability

Mowat-Wilson syndrome

Alexander Disease (AxD) Is a Progressive, Usually Fatal Neurodegenerative Disease¹

AxD is a rare type of astrocytic leukodystrophy caused by pathological variants in GFAP and characterized by the formation of Rosenthal fibers that generally affect the CNS.¹⁻³



AxD Can Lead to the Progressive **Development of Severe Disabilities and Death**³⁻⁵

Figure 1: Percentage of Patients With AxD by Age Group^{3,b}

Infants

Adults

Children

AxD generally affects the white matter of the CNS, which can lead to a range of symptoms (eq. macrocephaly, seizures, difficulty speaking and/or swallowing).^{1,3} In addition, AxD has been observed across all ages and typically progresses in severity, which may eventually lead to death.³⁻⁵

Pathologic variants in *GFAP* can cause AxD,

which results in the formation of Rosenthal fibers^a that can alter astrocytic function.^{1,6,7}

Figure 2: AxD Can Manifest With a Range of Radiologic Features^{8,c}

AxD With Predominant White Matter Abnormalities

Frontally predominant

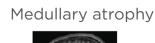




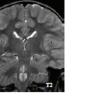
22%

Brainstem lesion

33%



42%



MRI pattern recognition in AxD is critical for timely diagnosis. In an MRI study, patients with AxD typically had white matter abnormalities (54/73), which were frontally predominant and diffuse. However, patients with absent to mild white matter abnormalities presented with brainstem lesions and atrophy in the medulla, cerebellum, and/or spinal cord (19/73).⁸

Figure adapted from Waldman 2019.

Systems that classify AxD into subtypes based on age of onset or symptoms do not sufficiently capture the range of clinical manifestations and radiologic features of this disease.^{3,8,9}

^aCytoplasmic protein aggregates resulting from the overexpression and accumulation of GFAP.⁶ ^b3% of patients were asymptomatic.³ ^cResults are based on a single natural history study of 73 patients with AxD at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. MRI images for each of the patients were reviewed by a blinded neuroradiologist and yielded case reports that included 23 variables capturing signal or tissue abnormality in distinct regions of interest.⁸ CNS, central nervous system; GFAP, glial fibrillary acidic protein; GFAP, glial fibrillary acidic protein gene; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging 1. Messing A. Handb Clin Neurol. 2018;148:693-700. 2. Sosunov AA, et al. Acta Neuropathol Commun. 2017;5(1):27. 3. Srivastava S, et al. Alexander disease. In: Adam MP, Ardinger HH, Pagon RA, Feldman J, Mirzaa GM, et al, eds. GeneReviews®. University of Washington, Seattle; 1993-2024. November 15, 2002. Updated November 12, 2020. Accessed December 12, 2024. https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK1172/ 4. Li R, et al. Ann Neurol. 2005;57(3):310-326. 5. Yoshida T, et al. J Hum Genet. 2013;58(9):635-638. 6. Kuhn J, Cascella M. Alexander disease. In: StatPearls. January 2024. Updated September 4, 2023. Accessed December 12, 2024. https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK562242/ 7. Jung S, et al. BMC Med Inform Decis Mak. 2015;15(suppl 1):S6. 8. Waldman A, et al. Presented at: 2019 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Neurology; May 4-10, 2019; Philadelphia, PA. 9. Messing A. Alexander Disease: A Guide for Patients and Families. Morgan & Claypool Life Sciences; 2018. Revised with Appendix 2021.

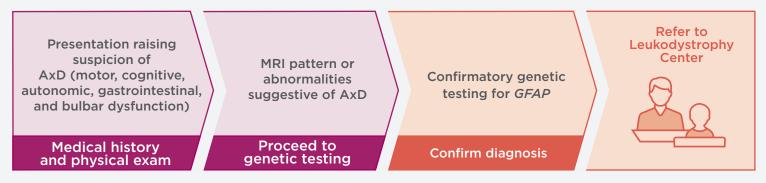


AxD Is a Progressive, Usually Fatal Neurodegenerative Disease¹

Clinical manifestations associated with AxD may overlap with more prevalent neurodegenerative disorders, which can lead to a misdiagnosis or delayed diagnosis and impact care.¹⁻³

	Table: Differenti
Pediatric	-Onset Diseases
Adrenoleukodystrophy	Tumors
Canavan disease	Pelizaeus-Merzbacher di
Krabbe leukodystrophy	Metachromatic leukodys
	Zellweger spectrum disc
	n AxD should ideally l s due to the range of

Figure 3: Genetic testing for variant GFAP confirms a diagnosis for AxD, which is generally preceded by suspicion based on clinical and radiographic features^{3,6,8,b}



Genetic testing should be considered to identify a patient with AxD due to the heterogeneity of clinical features associated with the disease.^{6,7}

Confirmatory genetic testing can help inform treatment choices and provide opportunities for research or clinical trials.⁹⁻¹¹





Diagnosis/Patient Confirmatory Identification **Genetic Testing**

Disease Progression

^aNot a comprehensive list. ^bApproximately 95% of AxD patients have a confirmed variant in GFAP.⁴ AxD, Alexander disease; GFAP, glial fibrillary acidic protein gene; HCP, healthcare professional; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging 1. Alexander disease. National Organization for Rare Disorders. Accessed December 12, 2024. https://rarediseases.org/rare-diseases/alexander-disease/ 2. Pareyson D, et al. Brain. 2008;131(Pt 9):2321-2331. 3. Srivastava S, et al. Alexander disease. In: Adam MP, Ardinger HH, Pagon RA, et al, eds. GeneReviews*. University of Washington, Seattle; 1993-2024. November 15, 2002. Updated November 12, 2020. Accessed December 12, 2024. https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/ books/NBK1172/ 4. Messing A. Handb Clin Neurol. 2018;148:693-700. 5. van der Knaap MS, et al. AJNR Am J Neuroradiol. 2001;22(3):541-552. 6. Kuhn J, Cascella M. Alexander disease. In: StatPearls. January 2024. Updated September 4, 2023. Accessed December 12, 2024. https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK562242/ 7. Messing A. Alexander Disease: A Guide for Patients and Families. Morgan & Claypool Life Sciences; 2018. Revised with Appendix 2021. 8. Adang LA, et al. Mol Genet Metab. 2017;122(1-2):18-32. 9. Zhang L, Hong H. Pharmaceutics. 2015;7(4):542-553. 10. Roggenbuck J, et al. Genet Med. 2017;19(3):267-274. 11. Klein CJ, Foroud TM. Mayo Clin Proc. 2017;92(2):292-305.

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	Adult-Onset Diseases			
	Parkinson's disease	Multiple sclerosis		
lisease	Multisystem atrophy	Tumors		
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be managed with a collaborative multidisciplinary of clinical symptoms and treatment considerations.⁶









Long-Term **Decision-Making**



MECP2 Duplication Syndrome (MDS) Is a Rare, X-Linked, **Neurodevelopmental Disorder¹**



MDS is a rare, severe, neurodevelopmental disorder caused by duplication of the chromosomal region containing the MECP2 gene (Xq28). Overproduction of the MeCP2 protein leads to neurotoxicity.^{1,2}

MDS predominantly affects males ($^{90\%}$).³ Females with MDS are typically carriers but may show neuropsychiatric symptoms such as depression, anxiety, and autistic features.¹

MDS is not to be confused with Rett syndrome, which is caused by loss-of-function mutations in MECP2 and primarily affects females.⁴

MDS Is Characterized by a Range of Symptoms, Including Neurological, Muscular, Respiratory, and Gastrointestinal Manifestations¹

Symptoms of MDS begin neonatally, with infantile hypotonia. MDS is also characterized by global developmental delay, severe intellectual disability, poor speech development, seizures, gastrointestinal problems, and recurrent respiratory infections (**Figure 1**).¹

Up to 90% of people with MDS will develop seizures by adolescence. Epilepsy tends to occur later in childhood and then progress, becoming treatment refractory. It may develop into symptoms consistent with Lennox-Gastaut syndrome. Developmental regression often follows the onset of epilepsy.⁶



of people with MDS will not survive past the age of 25 years, mainly due to recurrent infections.7,8

The severity of functional disability and frequency of hospitalizations due to respiratory infections (Figure 2) both increase with disease progression.^{3,9}

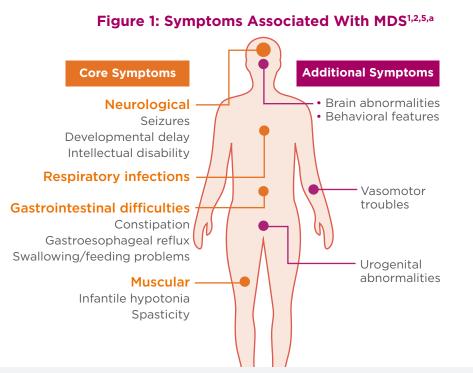
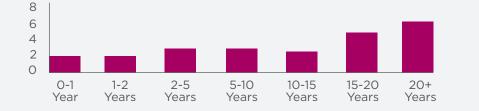


Figure 2: Median Number of Estimated Hospitalizations per Hospitalized Individual due to Respiratory Infections³



^aNot a complete list of symptoms.

MeCP2, methyl-CpG-binding protein 2; MECP2, methyl-CpG-binding protein 2 gene.

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Earlier Diagnosis and Treatments Targeting the Underlying Pathophysiology Are Critical Unmet Needs for Patients With MECP2 Duplication Syndrome (MDS)¹⁻³



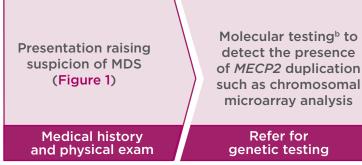
Prevalence of MDS is unknown because patients may be misdiagnosed or undiagnosed.¹

1% to 2% of males with moderate to severe intellectual disability are estimated to have MDS.⁴

Table: Disorders With Overlapping Symptomology^{1,5,a}

Autism spectrum disorder	Alpha-thalassemia X-linked intellectual disability	Coffin-Lowry syndrome	<i>MCT8-specific thyroid hormone</i> cell transporter deficiency
Rett syndrome	L1 syndrome	Lowe syndrome	Renpenning syndrome

Figure 3: Molecular Genetic Testing for Duplication of *MECP2* Confirms MDS^{1,6-8}



Treatment and Management Approaches Focus on Minimizing Symptoms and Maintaining Quality of Life^{1,6}

Currently, there is no cure or treatment for patients with MDS that can stop, reverse, or address the underlying pathogenic cause of disease.¹

Management is complex and may require coordination with multiple specialists. Current management strategies include pharmacological and nonpharmacological interventions, such as surgical procedures, dietary regimens, physical therapy, and social activities.¹

^aNot a complete list. ^bTests include intellectual disability multigene panel, comprehensive genomic testing, exome array, array comparative genomic hybridization, polymerase chain reaction, fluorescent in situ hybridization analysis, chromosome microarray SNP analysis, and multiplex ligation-dependent probe amplification ^{1,6}

L1, L1 cell adhesion molecule protein; MCT8, monocarboxylate transporter 8; MECP2, methyl-CpG-binding protein 2 gene; SNP, single nucleotide polymorphism. 1. National Organization for Rare Disorders. MECP2 Duplication Syndrome. 2013. Updated March 22, 2017. Accessed December 12, 2024. https://rarediseases. org/rare-diseases/mecp2-duplication-syndrome/ 2. Collins BE, Neul JL. Neuropsychiatr Dis Treat. 2022;18:2813-2835. 3. D'Mello SR 3rd. J Neurochem. 2021:159(1):29-60 4 Lugtenberg D et al Eur J Hum Genet 2009:17(4):444-453 5 Ta D et al Children (Basel) 2022:9(5):633 6 Van Esch H MECP2 duplication syndrome. In: Adam MP, Feldman J, Mirzaa GM, et al, eds. GeneReviews*. University of Washington, Seattle; 1993-2023. January 18, 2008. Updated May 21, 2020. Accessed December 12, 2024. https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK1284/7. Van Esch H. Mol Syndromol. 2012;2(3-5):128-136. 8. Ramocki MB, et al. Ann Neurol. 2009;66(6):771-782



Understanding which disorders have overlapping symptomology with MDS (Table) and how they differ may be useful for a differential diagnosis.¹

MDS is distinguished from Rett syndrome by a higher incidence in males, early-onset hypotonia, and recurrent respiratory infections²

Diagnosis is confirmed with the detection of **MECP2** duplication

Referral upon confirmed diagnosis



Pelizaeus-Merzbacher Disease (PMD) Is a Spectrum of Rare, X-Linked Recessive Hypomyelinating Leukodystrophies¹⁻³

PMD is caused by genetic variants in the proteolipid protein 1 gene (*PLP1*) and is associated with a wide spectrum of clinical symptoms depending on the variant form (**Table**). PMD typically presents in males and is broadly classified into three categories of disease ranging from least to most severe (**Figure 1 and Table**).²⁻⁴

PMD is associated with impairments in patient quality of life, including ambulatory, cognitive, developmental, ocular, and dietary impairments.^{4,5} Cognitive and motor impairments, hypotonia, and nystagmus are seen in the majority of patients.⁶

Figure 1: Percentage of Patients With PMD by Category⁴

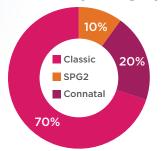
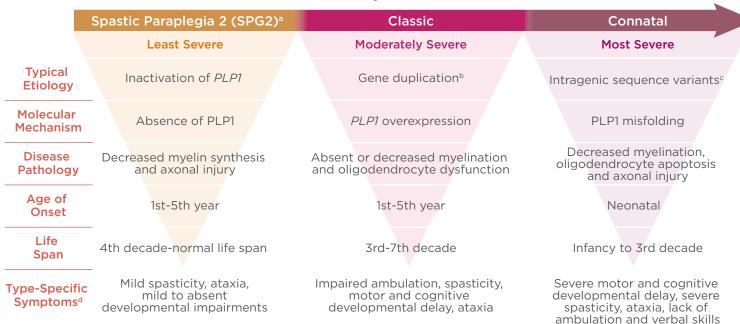


Table: Clinical Spectrum of PMD^{4,5,7}



PMD Is Associated With Imaging Abnormalities and Hypomyelination^{7,8}

Figure 2: Decreased Myelination Is Seen Across Brain Regions in PMD Patients^{8,9}

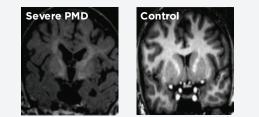


Figure adapted from Laukka JJ, et al. *J Neurol Sci*. 2013;335(1-2):75-81.

PMD is associated with developmental hypomyelination.^{2,4,8} The degree of myelination achieved is correlated with functional ability.⁹ Lack of myelin is the imaging hallmark in all cases of PMD.⁸

In a patient with *PLP1* duplication with severe functional disability, brain imaging shows reduced signal in the subcortical white matter, internal capsule, and temporal lobes (**Figure 2**).⁹

^aThis category includes patients with PLP1 null syndrome.⁵ ^bDuplications commonly present as classic PMD.⁸ ^cMissense variants may cause other forms of PMD.⁸ ^dNot a complete list. PLP1, proteolipid protein 1.

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Earlier Diagnosis and Treatments Targeting the Genetic Cause of Pelizaeus-Merzbacher Disease (PMD) Are Critical Unmet Needs for Patients¹⁻³

Clinical Features That Should Prompt Suspicion of PMD^{3,4}



PMD is the most common hypomyelinating leukodystrophy seen in males, and screening for PMD should be considered in all males presenting with a leukodystrophy.³



PMD should be suspected in male patients with hypomyelination, clinical nystagmus, hypotonia, and developmental delay.⁴



Nystagmus, either isolated or associated with other symptoms, is the symptom that initially presents in almost all patients with PMD.^{1,5,6}

Figure 3: Genetic Testing for Variants in *PLP1* Confirms PMD, Which Is Generally Preceded by Suspicion Based on Clinical and Radiographic Features²⁻⁸

Medical history	(hypomyelination Refer for
Presentation raising suspicion of PMD (nystagmus, hypotonia, and developmental delay)	MRI pattern or abnormalities suggestive of PMD

Effective Therapeutics and Early Patient Identification Are Needed¹⁻³

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Early neurophysiological diagnosis and physical rehabilitation have been shown to help improve the quality of life of patients with PMD.¹ Patients receive palliative treatments to ease pain, therapies to prevent secondary complications, and careful monitoring for additional PMD-related disease complications.^{1,4}

PLP1, proteolipid protein 1 gene.

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To date, no effective cure is established, and patients are limited to palliative treatments.^{1,7}

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