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One in a million..

FIL is ultra rare and there are few people in the world with it, but I've made friends with people living all over the world who have FIL



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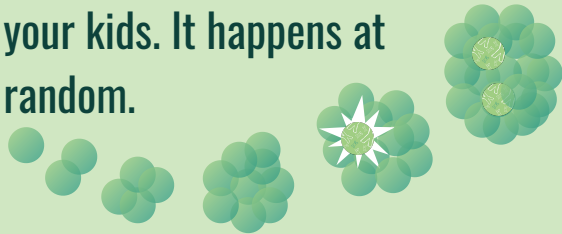
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# FIL is short for Facial Infiltrating Lipomatosis

## Born this way



FIL is a very rare condition that you're born with, but you can't inherit FIL from your parents or pass it along to your kids. It happens at random.



Someone with FIL is just as friendly, brave, athletic, artistic, unique, smart & wonderful like everyone else!



Why do you have one big cheek & why don't the doctors make it smaller?

Our bodies are made up of millions of teeny-tiny cells and in them there is a recipe we call DNA. In my body the DNA in some of the cells in half my face got a slightly different message making it grow more than it should.



Surgery often doesn't work as it can grow back. The cells are stubborn (just like I can be ;) There is no cure for FIL, but there are researchers trying to make a medicine, but those things take time.



"I know I can't change the way I look. But maybe, just maybe.. People can change the way they see.. Then they'll see we're all wonders!"

Quote from the children's book "We're all wonders" by R.J. Palacio

Does FIL hurt?

No, FIL usually doesn't cause pain, but it does make me go to the hospital more often and living with a different appearance can be difficult.



Don't stare, say Hi!  
If you have a question, just ask.

Don't treat me differently, just because I look a little different.