

Hirschsprung's and HMDSN

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What is Hirschsprung's?

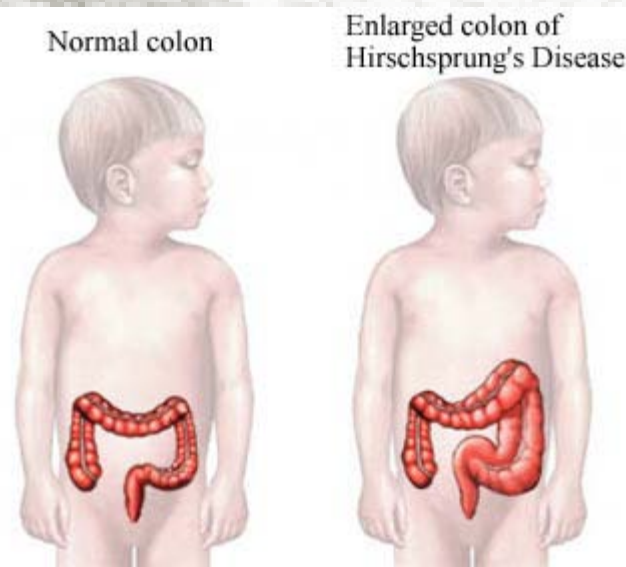
- It is a rare small intestinal disorder which is more common in males.
- The likelihood of someone getting Hirschsprung's is 1 in 5000.

The likelihood of someone having Hirschsprung's is 1 in this large crowd of 5000!



What is Hirschsprung's?

- While a baby is in its mother's womb, Ganglion cells (these push stool out) start to form in its intestine. In Hirschsprung's (HD), the Ganglion cells do not grow all the way down to the anus. This causes part of the intestine to enlarge.



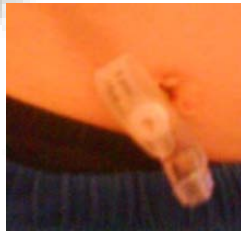
A diagram showing the enlarged colon, part of the large intestine, caused by HD.

My life with Hirschsprung's

- On the 10th May 1997, I was born 9 weeks early
- When I was 23 days old, I was diagnosed with HD.
- The next day I had my first and a life saving operation.
- I had my last (12th) operation when I was 7.
- I have had 1/3 (50cm) of my large intestine removed.
- I used to have a colostomy and now I have a cecostomy.



Me – 8 months old and waiting for my 2nd and 3rd operation



My cecostomy

My life with Hirschsprung's

- After all this I became a black belt in karate on Monday 14th December 2010.
- I won the Gordon Brown trophy, an trophy given to one person out of all of the age groups of Washington Juniors Football Club.
- As things stand, runners-up of Russell Foster League, Under 15's division 4.

Me with the
Gordon Brown
trophy (the silver
cup)



HMDSN



- HMDSN stands for Hirschsprung's and Mobility Disorders Support Network.
- This group has been running for over 10 years.
- The person in charge of this is Gerry McGregor.
- He recently organised a meeting in Glasgow on the 10th March 2012.



Gerry McGregor

Gerry

- A man (59) who has Hirschsprung's.
- A loyal Sunderland fan.
- Leader of HDMSN.



The End

- Any Questions?

