



DWARFISM AWARENESS

SHORT STATURED PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA

What is Short stature?

Short stature may also be referred to as Dwarfism. There are over 350 diagnosed genetic conditions that can result in short stature.

Key facts:

- Short stature mainly affects bone growth. It does not affect cognitive development, IQ levels or intellectual abilities.
- 80% of people with short stature have average height parents and siblings.
- The most common condition of short stature is Achondroplasia, which affects approximately 1 in every 20,000 births.
- People with short stature are usually less than 147 centimeters in height
- Short statured individuals live long, fulfilling lives – they go to school, go to work, find partners and raise children just like their average height peers.
- People with short stature have diverse occupations: teaching, genetics, media, medicine, politics, the arts, law, tattooing, public service, car racing and all kinds of trades.
- People with short stature participate in a range of sporting and recreational activities.
- Preferred terms are: short statured, person with dwarfism or little person. However like everyone else they would prefer to be called by their name.

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