

FACS Syndrome
Association



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Supporting Inspirational, in-
dependent people...!

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Anti-Convulsant drugs
(AED's) have been prescribed
for Epilepsy since 1912,
when the first drug,
Phenobarbitone was
introduced.

There are 3 main medications
known to affect the fetus
during pregnancy which are
Phenytoin (1938),
Carbamazepine (1963) and
Sodium Valproate (1978).

There are another 10 main
medications which may also
have the same affects
causing Fetal Anti-
Convulsant Syndrome.

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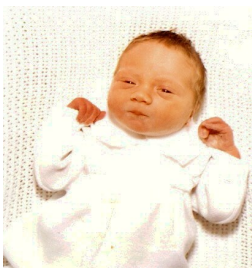
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Supporting people with Fetal Anti-Convulsant Syndrome. (FACS)

The FACS Syndrome Association (FSA) were founded in

November 2012 in order to help and support families affected by the condition.

FACS can affect a child to varying degrees, ranging from Dysmorphic (Unusual) facial features, Cognitive impairments, Spina Bifida, Cleft Lip & Palate etc....



▶ The syndrome characteristics:

* Fetal Valproate Syndrome:

Characteristic Facial features
Developmental Delay
Gross & Fine Motor control difficulties
Attention Difficulties
Memory problems
Lower IQ
Speech and Language problems
Visual difficulties
Poor muscle tone (Hypotonia)
Autistic Spectrum Disorders
Inguinal Hernia
Hypospadias (only in boys)
Limb & Heart Defects
Spina Bifida.

* Fetal Carbamazepine Syndrome:

Characteristic Facial Features
Nail Abnormalities
Developmental Delay
Lower IQ
Attention & Memory Difficulties

* Fetal Hydantoin Syndrome:

Cleft Lip and/or Palate
Small size at birth
Developmental Delay
Lower IQ

Please note that not all children whose mothers have taken an AED during pregnancy will be affected. Never stop taking your medication without medical advice..!

Both the Co-Founders, Emma Murphy and Janet Williams have children affected by Fetal Anti-Convulsant Syndrome.

Both Emma and Janet shared their voluntary careers with this subject working voluntarily for the Organisation for Anti-Convulsant Syndrome. Janet Williams being the Founder and working for a total of 16 years with this topic.

Emma Murphy worked with Janet for 3 years and has 5 children all diagnosed with Fetal Valproate Syndrome.

Both Emma and Janet are also Founders of the Independent Fetal Anti-Convulsant Trust (IN-FACT), working with the Thalidomide Trust in order to raise awareness in Government.

