**Beckworth Weidemann Syndrome**

**Summary:**

* Beckwith-Wiedemann Syndrome is a condition that can affect many parts of the body. It is classified as an overgrowth syndrome, which means that affected infants are considerably larger than normal (macrosomia) and tend to be taller than their peers during childhood. Growth begins to slow by about age 8, and adults with this condition are not unusually tall.

**Symptoms:**

* Increased height and weight at birth or in childhood.
* Asymmetry of growth, for example one arm or leg larger than the other (hemihypertrophy).
* Large tongue size (macroglossia).
* Some children with the condition are at risk of Wilms' tumour of the kidney.
* Subtle alterations in ear shape
* Cleft palate
* Congenital heart defect
* Learning differences are NOT usually part of the syndrome

**Strategies:**

* Will depend on individual student’s symptoms
* Consult individual student’s Medical Management Plan
* Call first aider if in any doubt.

<https://www.gosh.nhs.uk/conditions-and-treatments/conditions-we-treat/beckwith-wiedemann-syndrome-bws>