

WHAT COULD BE WRONG WITH A CASUAL GAME OF BASKETBALL? PLENTY.

When some kids play, it's a tragedy...

...because some kids have the Marfan Syndrome, a life-threatening genetic disorder. If undiagnosed, those affected are at risk of dying suddenly or suffering severe disabilities. Even an activity such as a casual basketball game can end in tragedy.

Many physical characteristics - including some you might notice in "natural" athletes - indicate the Marfan Syndrome. Watch for:

- Tall, thin stature with disproportionately long arms
- Unusually long lower half of the body
- Long, double-jointed fingers
- Curvature of the spine
- Chest bone that curves either inward or outward
- Flat feet
- Backward curve of the legs at the knee
- Nearsightedness

Early diagnosis and careful management of a Marfan patient's health are essential. Look for the signs of the Marfan Syndrome. You could help save a life.



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