Communication, Cognitive Development and Behavior for Children with SPW

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Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS) is a rare genetic disorder. Two of the most outstanding characteristics of PWS are insatiable appetite and behavior problems. Behavior management should be intervention/prevention oriented. For best results, preschedule, preplan, avoid arguments and anticipate.

The attitudes of the medical service staff in the fields of genetics, obstetrics and gynecology has an initial impact on the family when they “discover that the fetus and latter the newborn could be ‘different’ in physical appearance or mental predisposition.”

Mental health prevention of potential neglect presupposes a holistic, systematic understanding of the family and the community’s values and reactions. This work must be based on scientific data gathered from multidisciplinary studies.

Objectives

Characteristics of persons with PWS
- Cognitive rigidity
- Emotional dysregulation
- Disruptive behavior
- Stress sensitivity

Will challenge the mental health of the family unit and the environment. How much can we prevent?

Results

Conclusions