

Muscular Dystrophy

Everyday Thom endures a great deal of pain, but he never complains. He just lives each day to the fullest ... he has taught me so much ... He is truly a hero in my eyes and I love him so very much.

Taken from Living with MD by Leslie, whose husband has muscular dystrophy

Muscular dystrophy is a collective term for a variety of neuromuscular conditions characterised by the progressive deterioration and wasting of muscle fibres. There are two main types of muscular dystrophy: Duchenne muscular dystrophy and Myotonic muscular dystrophy. The main characteristic of muscular dystrophy is a progressive weakening of the muscles; the child at birth appears quite normal but as growth occurs and muscles deteriorate the child becomes noticeably weaker. Duchenne muscular dystrophy is a progressive, life-limiting condition in which a significant change in the student's abilities is seen over the years. While intellectual impairment may occur with some students with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, it only affects a minority of students.



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