



Possible chromosome patterns in a pregnancy

The above diagram shows just some of the chromosome arrangements that can be passed on. Other unbalanced patterns can occur. The most likely possibilities for you will depend on the particular chromosome translocation in your family. This will be discussed with you in the genetic counselling clinic.

Can we tell which chromosome pattern will be passed on?

Unfortunately, it is impossible to predict how often a certain pattern will be passed on and we realise this can be difficult. It is quite possible for a person who carries a balanced translocation to have healthy children and many do. However, the risk that a 'carrier' of a balanced translocation may have a child with disabilities is higher than average. Your risk depends on the chromosome rearrangement present in your family. We will be able to discuss your particular situation with you in more detail in the genetics clinic.