

# SATB2-Associated Syndrome

Other names: *Glass syndrome, 2q33.1 deletion/microdeletion/mutation*

FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS & CLINICIANS

## Features

- Significant neurodevelopmental disorders in all affected individuals, which may include: infantile hypotonia and feeding difficulties, global developmental delay including severe speech delay (speech apraxia, commonly absence of speech), gross and fine motor delays (developmental dyspraxia), cognitive delay.
- Behavioral issues: autistic tendencies, hyperactivity, sleep disturbances, aggressiveness, frustration due to lack of communication.
- Palatal anomalies: cleft palate, bifid uvula, or high-arched palate.
- Dental anomalies: prominent upper incisors, other anomalies.

**S**evere speech and language anomalies  
**A**bnormalities of the palate  
**T**ooth anomalies  
**B**ehavioral issues with or without bone or brain anomalies  
**2** onset before age 2

System	Recommended Initial Evaluations and Treatments
<b>Genetic</b>	<b>Initial:</b> <i>SATB2</i> sequencing with deletion/duplication analysis/array CGH. <b>Treatment:</b> Provide genetic counseling.
<b>Neurological</b>	<b>Initial:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consider brain MRI and EEG at baseline if seizures present.</li><li>• Physical therapy evaluation.</li><li>• Occupational therapy evaluation.</li><li>• Consider rehabilitation referral.</li></ul> <b>Treatment:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Treat seizures if present, neurosurgery referral if enlarged ventricles present.</li><li>• Physical and occupational therapies.</li><li>• Orthotics or mechanical aids.</li></ul>
<b>Psychological &amp; Psychiatric</b>	<b>Initial:</b> Developmental evaluation, neuropsychological evaluation. <b>Treatment:</b> Treat behavioral issues if needed.
<b>Speech &amp; Language</b>	<b>Initial:</b> Speech & language evaluation. <b>Treatment:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intensive speech and language therapy with frequent, highly structured sessions aimed at speech apraxia.</li><li>• Augmentative and alternative communication devices.</li></ul>
<b>Craniofacial</b>	<b>Initial:</b> Evaluate for cleft palate/submucous cleft palate. <b>Treatment:</b> Cleft palate/submucous cleft palate repair.
<b>Gastrointestinal</b>	<b>Initial:</b> Assess feeding. <b>Treatment:</b> Special nipples/bottle for cleft palate, feeding education.
<b>Musculoskeletal</b>	<b>Initial:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consider bone mineralization evaluation (bone density), from age 5 or sooner if indicated (fractures).</li><li>• Consider referral to orthopedics.</li></ul> <b>Treatment:</b> Optimize bone mineralization as needed.
<b>Dental</b>	<b>Initial:</b> Dental evaluation. <b>Treatment:</b> Dental/orthodontic management, consider referral to specialized center.
<b>Ophthalmology</b>	<b>Initial:</b> Baseline ophthalmology exam. <b>Treatment:</b> Refractive errors correction/strabismus surgery.

## Diagnosis

Established in a proband by detection of one of the following:

- heterozygous intragenic *SATB2* pathogenic variant.
- heterozygous non-recurrent deletion at 2q33.1 that includes *SATB2*.
- intragenic deletion or duplication of *SATB2* detectable by chromosomal microarray analysis (CMA).
- chromosomal translocation with a 2q33.1 breakpoint that disrupts *SATB2*. Molecular genetic testing approaches can include a combination of CMA, a multi-gene panel, comprehensive genome sequencing, and exome array.

## Resources

For additional medical and scientific information, as well as registry information, please visit [www.satb2gene.com](http://www.satb2gene.com).

For more information about the SATB2 Gene Foundation, please visit [www.satb2gene.org](http://www.satb2gene.org).

Closed Facebook group for families to connect, search for "**SATB2 Syndrome (2q33.1)**".

### Additional Resources:

*SATB2*-Associated Syndrome - GeneReviews®: [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK458647](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK458647)

Natural history of *SATB2*-associated syndrome: [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29436146](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29436146)

