



SCHIZOPHRENIA Factsheet **March 2022**

What is sibship?

Sibship is a medical term meaning a group of individuals born of the same parents. Factors associated with sibship include birth order, number of siblings or number of births in the family, and inter-birth interval periods. It is not known how these factors may be associated with risk for schizophrenia.

What is the evidence for sibship?

Moderate quality evidence suggests a small to medium-sized increased risk of schizophrenia in people who had one, four or five births in their family, or in children born less than 18 months before or after their closest sibling. First birth order may be associated with a reduced risk for schizophrenia.

For more information see the technical table



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Diseases of the brain and nervous system pose the greatest health, economic and social burden of any disease group because they are chronic, debilitating and have no known cures.

Medical research is the cornerstone of efforts to advance the health and wellbeing of families and the community. Our dedicated scientists are focussed on transforming their research into significant and practical benefits for all patients.

While we hope you find this information useful, it is always important to discuss any questions about schizophrenia or its treatment with your doctor or other health care provider.

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