Myths and Research about Down Syndrome

Myth: Scientists know everything about Down syndrome.
Researchers know that Down syndrome is a chromosomal disorder. Chromosomes are structures in cells that carry long pieces of DNA. DNA segments make up genes, which help determine many things about the body, including what we look like and why diseases at we are at risk. Down syndrome is caused by an extra copy of chromosome 21. People with Down syndrome have 47 chromosomes instead of 46, and chromosome 21 is the one that is extra.

DS-Connect
DS-Connect is a powerful research tool that allows researchers interested in working with people with Down syndrome to connect with participants. By sharing personal stories of living with Down syndrome, individuals can help researchers learn more about Down syndrome and the experiences of people with Down syndrome.

Inclusion.
Down Syndrome Resources:
- DS-Connect visit: https://dsconnect.pitt.edu
- Down Syndrome Association of Pittsburgh (DSAPgh): Visit https://dsapgh.org for more information
- Down Syndrome Diagnosis Network: The Down Syndrome Diagnosis Network's mission is to connect, support and provide accurate information for families that include a person with a Down syndrome diagnosis. The network's vision is to ensure that families have unbiased and factually accurate information for families that include a person with a Down syndrome diagnosis.