

Medical Conditions Checklist - Colombia

Profile of Children from Colombia

The majority of children internationally adopted from Colombia have mild to moderate special needs. We see both correctable/manageable special needs and more involved conditions. Children 10+ years old and sibling groups (2 or more) are also considered “special needs”. Many children have come into care through protective services due to abuse or neglect. Families work with a social worker and a medical professional to determine their openness to age, gender and types of special needs. Families decide if the child referred to them by Holt is the right match for their family and there is no penalty for declining a child referral.

Age: Between 0 to 15 years of age.

Gender: Need to be open to both genders; however families can specify a preference.

Medical Conditions: To adopt from Colombia, all families must be open to some level of special need. In order to be matched within a typical timeframe, families should indicate multiple special needs they are prepared to consider.

All families must be open to the following common medical/social conditions:

- ✓ Birth mother disadvantages: lack of proper nutrition, environment, emotional
- ✓ Little to no prenatal care
- ✓ Prematurity and low birth weight
- ✓ Institutionalization of child: possible history of multiple placements and hospital/clinic admissions
- ✓ Small in weight, size, growth
- ✓ Limited or unknown social histories
- ✓ Developmental delays

In addition, non-heritage families must be open to the following:

- ✓ Possible history of physical or sexual abuse, and neglect

Guidelines for filling out the checklist:

Please check all conditions you have any openness to, even if you are only open to the most minor version of the condition. Please also keep in mind that you are indicating conditions you would consider, not conditions you would definitely accept. You will always review each child’s file with a physician, and make a decision on a case-by-case basis.

Gender Preference (Need to be open to both):	Male	Female	Either		
Siblings (# of children):	2	3	4	5	or more
Age Range (at match):	0 to 4	5 to 9	10+		

The following are conditions we frequently see. Please mark all you are open to considering:

Child and Birth Family History

Chronic malnutrition
Family history of mental illness
Known history of sexual abuse
Consanguinity
Prenatal exposure to toxins

Birth Conditions

Failure to thrive
Craniofacial conditions
Cleft lip and/or palate
Fetal alcohol spectrum disorder

Developmental

Speech delay			
Minor	Moderate	Major	
Motor delay			
Minor	Moderate	Major	
Cognitive delay			
Minor	Moderate	Major	
Growth delay			
Minor	Moderate	Major	
Global delay			
Minor	Moderate	Major	

Central Nervous System

Brain injury caused by trauma
Cerebral palsy
Hydrocephaly (larger head size)
Microcephaly (smaller head size)
Meningitis
Epilepsy/Seizures (controlled)
Neurodevelopmental disorder
Spina bifida/meningocele

Other Conditions

History of leukemia/cancer
Rare diseases

Infectious Diseases (manageable)

Tuberculosis (treated)
Syphilis (treated)
Hepatitis B carrier
Hepatitis B
Hepatitis C
HIV positive

Orthopedic

Missing upper limbs (hand/arm)
Missing lower limbs (foot/leg)
Congenital hip dislocation
Osteogenesis imperfecta
Multiple orthopedic problems
Ongoing mobility issue

Cardiovascular

Congenital heart defects
Arrhythmia
Anemia
Other involved heart conditions

Hearing

Partial hearing loss (moderate)
Total hearing loss
Ear atresia

Vision

Correctable vision issue
Loss of sight in one eye
Significant vision loss/blindness

Skin Conditions

Birthmarks/Angioma
Nevus
Burns or scars (body)

Burns or scars (face)

Psoriasis/Eczema
Vitiligo
Tumor/abscesses (removable)

Genetic Conditions

Down syndrome
Thalassemia
Dwarfism
PKU
Huntington's disease
Diabetes

Autoimmune

Lupus
Multiple sclerosis
Rheumatoid arthritis
Celiac disease
Alopecia areata

Behavior/psychological

Autism spectrum disorder
Hyperactivity and/or ADHD
Unspecified conduct disorder
Depressive disorder
Anxiety Disorder
Bipolar Disorder
Psycho-social disability

Digestive-Genital-Urinary

Gastrointestinal condition
Anal atresia
Incontinence
Kidney malfunction/disease
Genital malformation (correctable)
Ambiguous genitalia

Other: _____

Open to considering additional special needs and/or medical conditions on a case-by-case basis

Adoptive Parent Name (printed): _____ Signature: _____

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