



## Dysplasia Epiphysealis Hemimelica with Chondromas and Osteochondromas

### Alternative Names

Osteochondromatosis, Dominant Carpotarsal  
Dominant Carpotarsal Osteochondromatosis  
DCO

### Record Category

Disease phenotype

### WHO-ICD

Neoplasms > Neoplasms of uncertain or unknown  
behavior

### Incidence per 100,000 Live Births

0-1

### OMIM Number

127820

### Mode of Inheritance

Autosomal dominant

### Gene Map Locus

N/A

### Description

Dominant carpotarsal osteochondromatosis (DCO) is a hereditary skeletal developmental disorder, characterized by abnormal bone proliferation and osteochondromas arising from the epiphysis or epiphyseal-equivalent areas in the hands and feet. This is an extremely rare disorder, with only a handful of affected families having been reported around the world.

### Molecular Genetics

The disorder is differentiated from the phenotypically similar sporadic dysplasia

epiphysealis hemimelica by its hereditary nature. DCO is transmitted in an autosomal dominant manner. This differentiation is important, since genetic counseling would be very different for the two disorders.

### Epidemiology in the Arab World

#### Kuwait

Fahmy and Pandey (2008) described a family in which three members were affected with a variant of DCO. The affected patients included a 10-year old girl, her father, and his cousin. The patients showed the presence of multiple parosteal osteochondromatous proliferations. This family had several significant differences from other previously reported families with DCO, including the absence of carpal or upper limb epiphyseal osteochondromas. Fahmy and Pandey (2008) speculated that the condition could either be a variant of DCO or a separate entity.

### References

Fahmy AL, Pandey T. Epiphyseal osteochondromas with autosomal dominant inheritance and multiple parosteal bone proliferations. *Skeletal Radiol.* 2008; 37(1):67-70. PMID: 17938915

### Related CTGA Records

N/A

### External Links

N/A

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