

the **HYPE** about **HYPERMobility**

it's not ALWAYS *just* about your joints

Joint hypermobility is the presence of too much movement at any given joint of the body

When occurring as part of a life-long condition, joint hypermobility can be associated with:

- **Chronic pain**
- **Chronic/ongoing fatigue**
- **Joint dislocations & subluxations**
- **Headaches & Migraines**
- **Gastrointestinal dysfunction**
- **Cardiovascular issues**
- **Easy bruising**
- **Dizziness & rapid heart rate with standing (POTS)**
- **Poor body awareness (proprioception)**
- **Anxiety**
- **Sleep disturbances**

No two people with a hypermobility condition present the same!

In the majority of cases, you wouldn't know someone has a hypermobility condition simply by looking at them. It is largely an **INVISIBLE** condition.

You may see *splints, casts or mobility aids* such as *crutches, walking sticks and wheelchairs*. These are often required when joint hypermobility is causing pain, or when joints are unstable and at risk of dislocation.

Alternatively, you may see **NO OUTWARD SIGNS** because most of the symptoms are invisible.

There is **NO CURE** for joint hypermobility or many of the co-existing symptoms that make up the disorders and syndromes most commonly associated with it.

People can have hypermobile joints with no other symptoms; this is called *asymptomatic joint hypermobility*. It is quite different from the painful, often debilitating conditions with which many people with hypermobility live. For some people, joint hypermobility can be advantageous, e.g. gymnasts & ballet dancers, but this is not the case for everyone.

For those who live with joint hypermobility as part of a disorder or syndrome, **HYPERMOBILITY CAN BE DISABLING.**

Symptomatic joint hypermobility is most often associated with conditions such as The Hypermobility Spectrum Disorders, The Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes, Loey's-Dietz Syndrome, Marfan Syndrome, Osteogenesis Imperfecta and Stickler Syndrome

**Joint hypermobility is not always beneficial or advantageous.
Joint hypermobility can cause significant disability.**

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