

POINTS TO REMEMBER FOR CLINICAL PRACTICE

Psychiatric
manifestations

Behavioral Functioning

- The term **behavioral phenotype** may not bring us closer to the genetic underpinnings of the behavioral characteristics of disorders, but can nevertheless **be useful in establishing a clinical diagnosis in individuals with T21.**
- **Individuals with T21 possess many unique strengths and weaknesses**, which should be assessed as they develop and grow older.
- If professionals and parents understand this profile, it can **facilitate early detection and promote cognitive and behavioral development through tailored learning methods.**
- A **better conceptualization of the behavioral phenotype** enables professionals and families to **support the development of individuals with T21 towards their highest level of independence, optimizing their functioning and quality of life.**