

Skeletal Difference

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(IE) areas of your body are not the shape typical for your ancestry—curved, rotated, bulbous, or otherwise different. Roll on the following table for the locations:

d10	Area
1–2	Ribs
3–6	Arm
7–10	Leg

- **Ribs.** Your ribs are too small for your chest. You have trouble breathing as your ribs press on your lungs. Every minute of exertion, such as combat, a walking forced march, or climbing, you need to either succeed on a DC 5 + (IE) Constitution saving throw—increasing cumulatively by 1 every minute of exertion—or take one level of exhaustion until taking a short rest.
- **Arm.** Your arm bone curves or is underdeveloped such that you have a -(IE) penalty on all Strength checks and melee attack rolls that use your arms.
- **Leg.** Your leg bone curves or is underdeveloped such that you have a -(IE) penalty on all Strength checks and melee attack rolls that use your legs.

Real-world Examples

Paget's Disease of Bone, Neurofibromatosis, Jeune Syndrome,

Spondylocostal Dysplasia, Spondylothoracic Dysplasia, Phocomelia

Assistive Options

Depending on the nature of the malformation, a prosthetic might help reduce the penalty by 1 in some instances. For other manifestations, a wheelchair or other mobility device may help.

Tumor

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You have a noticeable tumor or growth on your face with a radius of (IE × 1 inch). This growth may match your skin color or be red, dark brown, or a different color caused by magic. Consequently, when people who don't know you see you, they usually only see your face. This gives you +(IE) to Dexterity (Sleight of Hand) checks but -(IE) (up to -4) to disguise checks or Dexterity (Stealth) checks to blend into a crowd as well as a -(IE) penalty on Charisma (Persuasion) checks due to many people's discomfort around those with unexpected appearances. Note that this is usually a permanent condition and does not fluctuate, but the player and GM are welcome to determine a magical version that fluctuates based on the Frequency Table above.

Real-world Examples

Cystic Hygroma, Fibrous Dysplasia, Dermoid Cysts, Hemangiomas, Neurofibromatosis

Assistive Options

Surgery (IE × 50 gp) can reduce the IE by 2, requiring a successful DC (IE) + 10 Wisdom (Medicine) check. Reducing the IE

to 0 will still leave a noticeable scar, giving a -1 to any charisma checks related to physical attractiveness.