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Palmar Crease Examination

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When examining the infant's palm for abnormalities, the examiner may note a single transverse palmar crease, which is found in 5% of newborns and is frequently inherited as a familial trait. However, single palmar creases can be associated with Down's syndrome and other genetic disorders, or with fetal alcohol syndrome.