



Esophageal Atresia/ Tracheoesophageal Fistula

Esophageal atresia/tracheoesophageal fistula (EA/TEF) (e-soph-a-ge-al a-tre-si-a/tra-che-o-e-soph-a-ge-al fis-tu-la) is a birth anomaly of the swallowing tube (esophagus) that connects the mouth to the stomach. In a baby with EA, the esophagus has two separate sections—the upper and lower esophagus—that do not connect. A baby with this birth defect is unable to pass food from the mouth to the stomach, and sometimes has difficulty breathing. EA often occurs with TEF, a birth anomaly in which part of the esophagus is connected to the windpipe (trachea). The trachea is the tube that connects the mouth and nose to the lungs. To learn more about EA/TEF, go to the CDC website ([tinyurl.com/yd87aqjk](https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/ea/tef)).

Resources for families

Northwest support resources

- Oregon Family to Family Health Information Center
[tinyurl.com/ycwhffwc](https://www.tinyurl.com/ycwhffwc)
- Washington Parent to Parent (P2P) Programs
[tinyurl.com/yaucv2mk](https://www.tinyurl.com/yaucv2mk)

National/international/online resources

- EATEF
[tinyurl.com/ybx8fead](https://www.tinyurl.com/ybx8fead)
- EATEF [Facebook]
[tinyurl.com/yc65a4ld](https://www.tinyurl.com/yc65a4ld)
- Bridging the Gap of EATEF [Facebook]
[tinyurl.com/yaqglhkp](https://www.tinyurl.com/yaqglhkp)

Information for you and your care team

- Children's Minnesota: Esophageal Atresia Repair
[tinyurl.com/ycgmvfdd](https://www.tinyurl.com/ycgmvfdd)
- Boston Children's: Esophageal Atresia
[tinyurl.com/yculpp9d](https://www.tinyurl.com/yculpp9d)

Family stories

- EATEF - Patient Stories
[tinyurl.com/y7ndtmva](https://www.tinyurl.com/y7ndtmva)
- Boston Children's Hospital - Patient Stories
[tinyurl.com/yac6gcsj](https://www.tinyurl.com/yac6gcsj)

Clinical trial information

- Children and Clinical Studies
[tinyurl.com/y75s4twm](https://www.tinyurl.com/y75s4twm)
- Find an approved clinical trial
[tinyurl.com/zp3jesq](https://www.tinyurl.com/zp3jesq)

Insurance information and help

- Getting insurance for children (OR)
[tinyurl.com/ydfaaeoy](https://www.tinyurl.com/ydfaaeoy)
- Getting insurance for children (WA)
[tinyurl.com/yca9lkey](https://www.tinyurl.com/yca9lkey)
- Understand your health insurance
[tinyurl.com/ychy6qnz](https://www.tinyurl.com/ychy6qnz)
- General/Oregon Health Plan Questions: 855-323-6744

Other resources

- Camp Korey
[campkorey.org](https://www.campkorey.org)
- Children's G-Tube Book
[tinyurl.com/yazk6f6c](https://www.tinyurl.com/yazk6f6c)

Books for parents and children

- Bibliography available by calling the Oregon Family to Family Health Information Center at 855-323-6744
- Swindells' online library search
[tinyurl.com/y9t2jwcx](https://www.tinyurl.com/y9t2jwcx)