

# Interrupted Aortic Arch

Interrupted aortic (pronounced ay-OR-tik) arch is a rare congenital heart defect (the baby is born with it) that happens when a baby's aorta, the main blood vessel (tube) coming out of the heart to carry oxygen-rich blood to the whole body, doesn't develop correctly. In interrupted aortic arch, the part of the aorta that directs oxygen-rich blood to the lower part of the body does not connect to the heart. For more information about interrupted aortic arch, please visit Seattle Children's Hospital website ([tinyurl.com/ycawgmtu](http://tinyurl.com/ycawgmtu)).

## Resources for families

### Northwest support resources

- Children's Heart Foundation (OR)  
[tinyurl.com/yclkmhgr](http://tinyurl.com/yclkmhgr)
- Pediatric Congenital Heart Association (WA)  
[tinyurl.com/yba3yhlw](http://tinyurl.com/yba3yhlw)
- Mended Little Hearts - Portland [Facebook]  
[tinyurl.com/y9zskzll](http://tinyurl.com/y9zskzll)

### National/international/online resources

- American Heart Association (AHA) Support Network for Congenital Heart Defects (CHD)  
[tinyurl.com/y9zjth92](http://tinyurl.com/y9zjth92)
- Mended Hearts  
[tinyurl.com/7wppot4](http://tinyurl.com/7wppot4)
- Little Hearts - Parent Matching Program  
[tinyurl.com/y7wuh4yc](http://tinyurl.com/y7wuh4yc)
- Children's Heart Foundation (CHF)  
[tinyurl.com/ptkqdj](http://tinyurl.com/ptkqdj)
- Congenital Heart Info Network [Facebook]  
[tinyurl.com/y8oxl67t](http://tinyurl.com/y8oxl67t)

### Information for you and your care team

- AHA - Fact sheets and other tools  
[tinyurl.com/kex96bk](http://tinyurl.com/kex96bk)
- AHA - Portable medical information [PDF]  
[tinyurl.com/ydye5u4s](http://tinyurl.com/ydye5u4s)
- NIH Library of Medicine  
[tinyurl.com/aot8rx](http://tinyurl.com/aot8rx)

### Family stories

- AHA Family Stories  
[tinyurl.com/y8j578ny](http://tinyurl.com/y8j578ny)
- Little Hearts Stories of Hope  
[tinyurl.com/y8cze7em](http://tinyurl.com/y8cze7em)

### Clinical trial information

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

### Insurance information and help

- Getting insurance for children (OR)  
[tinyurl.com/ydfaeeoy](http://tinyurl.com/ydfaeeoy)
- Understand your health insurance  
[tinyurl.com/ychy6qnz](http://tinyurl.com/ychy6qnz)
- General/Oregon Health Plan Questions: 855-323-6744

### Other resources

- CHF - *It's My Heart* - free resource book  
[tinyurl.com/ybyp9goh](http://tinyurl.com/ybyp9goh)
- Kids Health - *Getting an EKG* - video for kids  
[tinyurl.com/y9kfx7qq](http://tinyurl.com/y9kfx7qq)
- AAP - *What is a Pediatric Heart Surgeon?*  
[tinyurl.com/mqutvqr](http://tinyurl.com/mqutvqr)
- AHA Web Booklet - *If Your Child Has a Congenital Heart Defect*  
[tinyurl.com/ycgu5mzw](http://tinyurl.com/ycgu5mzw)
- Merry Heart Children's Camp  
[tinyurl.com/yaml6cma](http://tinyurl.com/yaml6cma)
- Summer camps for kids with CHD (outside OR)  
[tinyurl.com/y9awy2gy](http://tinyurl.com/y9awy2gy)
- NIH - Miscellaneous tip sheets for children, teens and families  
[tinyurl.com/y86ofx4e](http://tinyurl.com/y86ofx4e)
- CDC - Five Things you Need to Know about CHD [PDF]  
[tinyurl.com/yavg6fn2](http://tinyurl.com/yavg6fn2)
- 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](http://tinyurl.com/y9t2jwcx)