Anophthalmia/Microphthalmia

Anophthalmia/microphthalmia (an-əf-ˈthal-mē-ə/mi-ˈkrāf-ˈthal-mē-ə) are birth anomalies of the eyes. In anophthalmia, a baby is born without one or both eyes. In microphthalmia, one or both eyes are small because they do not develop all the way. Anophthalmia and microphthalmia happen as the baby is developing during pregnancy, and can happen with or without other anomalies. Children with anophthalmia are blind in the affected eye(s). Children with microphthalmia often have limited ability to see or are blind in the affected eye(s). To learn more about anophthalmia/microphthalmia, go to the CDC website tinyurl.com/y8r5za3x.

Resources for families

Northwest support resources
- Oregon Family to Family Health Information Center tinyurl.com/ycwhffwc
- Washington Parent to Parent (P2P) Programs tinyurl.com/yaucv2mk
- NW Association for Blind Athletes nwaba.org
- Oregon’s children who are blind or who have low vision are served by regional programs tinyurl.com/ya6lapr4

National/international/online resources
- Wonderbaby tinyurl.com/cbjc615
- ICAN tinyurl.com/ycdv33w9
- ICAN [Facebook] tinyurl.com/ybmrap8x

Information for you and your care team
- Thoughts from a kindergarten teacher about welcoming a blind student to class tinyurl.com/ybuvpcyp

Family stories
- Your Baby Has Anophthalmia tinyurl.com/y9tevuqs
- AJ’s Story tinyurl.com/ydcmx8w
- Ella’s Story tinyurl.com/y8dac5e9

Clinical trial information
- Children and Clinical Studies tinyurl.com/y75s4twm
- Find an approved clinical trial tinyurl.com/zp3jesq

Insurance information and help
- Getting insurance for children (OR) tinyurl.com/ydfaaeoy
- Getting insurance for children (WA) tinyurl.com/yc91key
- Understand your health insurance tinyurl.com/y46h8nvx
- Learn about coverage tinyurl.com/y4639rz6
- Road map to health tinyurl.com/yysc6kv7
- General/Oregon Health Plan Questions: 855-323-6744

Other resources
- MACS tinyurl.com/ya9j77sn
- Camp Abilities tinyurl.com/y8udcuus
- Oregon Commission for the Blind tinyurl.com/y855g38a
- Talking Book and Braille Library tinyurl.com/yb959wrq

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