



# Anotia/Microtia

Anotia/microtia (an-'ō-sh(ē-)ə/mī-'krō-sh(ē-)ə) are birth anomalies of the ears. In anotia, the external ear, the part of the ear that you can see, is missing completely. In microtia, the external ear is small and not formed properly. Most of the time, anotia/microtia affects how the baby's ear looks, while the parts of the ear inside the head (the middle and inner ear) are not affected. However, some babies with this anomaly will also have a narrow or missing ear canal. This can mean that the baby has problems hearing with that ear or is deaf in that ear. To learn more about anotia/microtia, go to the CDC website [tinyurl.com/y85fklcm](https://tinyurl.com/y85fklcm).

## Resources for families

### Northwest support resources

- Hands and Voices of Oregon  
[tinyurl.com/yaoqahqm](https://tinyurl.com/yaoqahqm)
- Oregon Family to Family Health Information Center  
[tinyurl.com/ycwhffwc](https://tinyurl.com/ycwhffwc)
- Washington Parent to Parent (P2P) Programs  
[tinyurl.com/yaucv2mk](https://tinyurl.com/yaucv2mk)
- Oregon's young children with low incidence conditions are served by regional programs  
[tinyurl.com/ya6lapr4](https://tinyurl.com/ya6lapr4)

### National/international/online resources

- Hands and Voices  
[www.handsandvoices.org](http://www.handsandvoices.org)
- Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
[www.agbell.org](http://www.agbell.org)
- Ear Community  
[earcommunity.org](https://earcommunity.org)
- Microtia and Atresia Facebook support group  
[tinyurl.com/y8m7mj14](https://tinyurl.com/y8m7mj14)

### Information for you and your care team

- Microtia and Atresia: Where Do I Begin?  
[tinyurl.com/ya8jhgmr](https://tinyurl.com/ya8jhgmr)
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
[tinyurl.com/y8ru948y](https://tinyurl.com/y8ru948y)

### Family stories

- Alexis' Story  
[tinyurl.com/y73kk2hz](https://tinyurl.com/y73kk2hz)
- EAR Aesthetic Ear Reconstruction  
[tinyurl.com/y73roaoo](https://tinyurl.com/y73roaoo)
- The International Center for Atresia Microtia Repair  
[tinyurl.com/y9ws2466](https://tinyurl.com/y9ws2466)
- Hands and Voices Communicator membership only newspaper  
[tinyurl.com/yax2w7aa](https://tinyurl.com/yax2w7aa)
- Ear Community  
[tinyurl.com/ybm3l9d8](https://tinyurl.com/ybm3l9d8)

### Clinical trial information

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

### Insurance information and help

- Getting insurance for children (OR)  
[tinyurl.com/ydfaaeoy](https://tinyurl.com/ydfaaeoy)
- Getting insurance for children (WA)  
[tinyurl.com/yca9lkey](https://tinyurl.com/yca9lkey)
- Understand your health insurance  
[tinyurl.com/y46h8nvx](https://tinyurl.com/y46h8nvx)
- Learn about coverage  
[tinyurl.com/y4639rz6](https://tinyurl.com/y4639rz6)
- Road map to health  
[tinyurl.com/yysc6kv7](https://tinyurl.com/yysc6kv7)
- General/Oregon Health Plan Questions: 855-323-6744

### Other resources

- Supporting Success for Children with Hearing Loss  
[tinyurl.com/y7wfao5q](https://tinyurl.com/y7wfao5q)
- Little Baby Face  
[tinyurl.com/y9x5stxx](https://tinyurl.com/y9x5stxx)

### 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://tinyurl.com/y9t2jwcx)