



Biliary Atresia

Biliary atresia (ˈbi-lē-er-ē ə-ˈtrē-zhə) occurs when the tubes, known as bile ducts, inside or outside the liver do not develop normally. The reason why this happens is unknown. Bile is a liquid made by the liver. The bile ducts carry bile from the liver to the gallbladder, where it is stored. The bile ducts help remove waste from the liver and carry salts that help the small intestine break down (digest) fat from food. In babies with biliary atresia, bile flow from the liver to the gallbladder is blocked. This can lead to liver damage and failure of the liver. To learn more about biliary atresia, go to the National Institute of Health's website tinyurl.com/ybqejrbr.

Resources for families

National/international/online resources

- Oregon Family to Family Health Information Center
tinyurl.com/ycwhffwc
- American Liver Foundation Pacific NW Chapter
tinyurl.com/yaqrv6yz
- Facebook- Biliary Atresia Awareness
tinyurl.com/ybz2zzme
- C.L.A.S.S
tinyurl.com/y8sz6t4a
- Liver Families
www.liverfamilies.net

Information for you and your care team

- Children's Minnesota: Biliary atresia
tinyurl.com/yc9rg6s5
- Boston Children's Hospital: Biliary Atresia
tinyurl.com/ybpe3b43
- Dr.'s version of treatment plan Phoenix Children's Hospital
tinyurl.com/ycusfe22

Family stories

- CHOP- Patient Stories
tinyurl.com/ybx5uzy6
- American Liver Foundation - Patient Stories
tinyurl.com/y7va4d5y

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/y9467yxc
- 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

- Biliary Atresia Resources from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
tinyurl.com/y8qda8wm

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