Biliary Atresia

Biliary atresia (ˈbi-lē-ər-ə ə-trē-zha) 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/yccwhffw6
• 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/ycc9g65
• 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/yb5uxy6
• 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/y9467yx6
• Understand your health insurance tinyurl.com/y46h8nx6
• 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/y9t2jw6x

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