



# Gastroschisis

Gastroschisis (ga-'sträs-kə-səs) is a birth anomaly of the abdominal (belly) wall. There is a hole in the muscle and skin next to the belly button. The baby's intestines come out through this hole. The hole can be small or large and other organs, such as the stomach and liver, can also be found outside of the baby's body. Gastroschisis occurs early during pregnancy when the muscles that make up the baby's abdominal wall do not form correctly. To learn more about Gastroschisis, go to the CDC website [tinyurl.com/lfb7rm8](https://tinyurl.com/lfb7rm8).

## Resources for families

### Northwest support resources

- 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)

### National/international/online resources

- Avery's Angels  
[tinyurl.com/ya9wfu25](https://tinyurl.com/ya9wfu25)
- Avery's Angels [Facebook]  
[tinyurl.com/y8ky9t7t](https://tinyurl.com/y8ky9t7t)
- Baby Center  
[tinyurl.com/y7zmpffy](https://tinyurl.com/y7zmpffy)

### Information for you and your care team

- Cincinnati Children's Hospital  
Gastroschisis in Babies  
[tinyurl.com/ybtazwt2](https://tinyurl.com/ybtazwt2)
- Children's Hospital of Minnesota  
Gastroschisis Education Materials
- [tinyurl.com/y8dwa4o8](https://tinyurl.com/y8dwa4o8)

### Family stories

- Stories: Living with Gastroschisis - CDC  
[tinyurl.com/y8jervt7](https://tinyurl.com/y8jervt7)
- Emma's Story - Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
[tinyurl.com/y7g7e2h8](https://tinyurl.com/y7g7e2h8)
- Vincenzo's Story - Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
[tinyurl.com/yajmzdh4](https://tinyurl.com/yajmzdh4)

### 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

### 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)