

Hemifacial Microsomia

FACTS:

- Children with this condition usually have one side of the face smaller than the other; it can rarely occur on both sides of the face.
- The eye, jaw and ear on the smaller side can be affected.
- Children with hemifacial microsomia may have trouble hearing on the affected side.
- Sometimes children have weakness in the movement of the face on the affected side.
- There can be mild to severe cases.
- This is not a genetic or inherited disease but is usually caused by a problem during pregnancy with blood flow to the baby.
- Microsomia does not affect the intelligence of the child.



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TREATMENT:

- Sometimes hearing can be improved with surgery or with hearing aids.
- The appearance of the ear and jaw can be helped with surgery when the child is older.

HELPFUL HINTS:

- A child may have trouble hearing when it is crowded or noisy. It may help to speak towards the good ear.



If a child has difficulty hearing, try speaking toward his or her good ear.



I am so beautiful!