

UNDERSTANDING CHILDHOOD LIVER DISEASE

WHAT IS CHILDHOOD LIVER DISEASE?



Any condition that disrupts the function of the liver in children

WHAT PUTS A CHILD AT RISK?



Family history

Transmission from mother to child

Autoimmune conditions

HOW MANY CHILDREN HAVE A CHILDHOOD LIVER DISEASE?

Prevalence is increasing, with up to 1 in 10 children* across Europe being affected¹

*this includes infants, school children and adolescents

1 in 10

DID YOU KNOW?



- Childhood liver disease is often diagnosed late as early symptoms are hard to detect²
- If left undiagnosed, childhood liver disease can lead to complications³
- Many childhood liver diseases are genetic – it is a common misconception that childhood liver disease is alcohol-related

WHAT SIGNS SHOULD YOU LOOK OUT FOR?

One sign of childhood liver disease is newborn jaundice – when a baby's skin and the whites of their eyes turn yellow. If a newborn baby has jaundice for more than 2 weeks you should consult your Doctor, as it could be a sign of childhood liver disease or another serious condition



You should visit your Doctor if your child displays a combination of the following (this does not necessarily mean your child has childhood liver disease but a check-up is important):

- Dark urine & pale stools
- Regular pain or swelling in the abdomen
- Itchy skin
- Loss of appetite
- Bleeding and/or bruising easily
- Poor growth

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