

What is PHACE Syndrome?

PHACE syndrome is a rare disorder characterized by the presence of large infantile hemangiomas, along with developmental abnormalities in other areas of the body. Each letter of the name PHACE represents a different area of potential symptoms.

P Posterior Fossa Malformations

Structural differences of the back of the brain (the cerebellum) and the brain stem.

H Large Infantile Hemangiomas

Abnormal clusters of blood vessels, larger than 5cm, that develop on the head and neck.

A Arterial Abnormalities

Abnormal or missing arteries in the head, neck, and chest.

C Cardiovascular Defects

Structural differences of the heart that are present at birth.

E Eye Anomalies

Defects of the eyes or optical nerve, such as differences in size, shape, or functionality.

Other Potential Symptoms

Sternal Defects (S may be added, making it PHACES)
Dental Anomalies
Endocrine Anomalies
Auditory Issues

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