

# 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.

<b>P</b> Posterior Fossa Malformations	<b>H</b> Large Infantile Hemangiomas	<b>A</b> Arterial Abnormalities
Structural differences of the back of the brain (the cerebellum) and the brain stem.	Abnormal clusters of blood vessels, larger than 5cm, that develop on the head and neck.	Abnormal or missing arteries in the head, neck, and chest.
<b>C</b> Cardiovascular Defects	<b>E</b> Eye Anomalies	Other Potential Symptoms
Structural differences of the heart that are present at birth.	Defects of the eyes or optical nerve, such as differences in size, shape, or functionality.	<b>S</b> ternal Defects ( <i>S</i> may be added, making it PHACES) Dental Anomalies Endocrine Anomalies Auditory Issues

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