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Diamond Blackfan Anemia

DBA

Commonly Asked Questions

What is Diamond Blackfan Anemia?

DBA is a rare blood disorder. The bone marrow (the center of the bone where blood cells are made) does not make enough red blood cells that carry oxygen throughout the body.

What are the symptoms of DBA?

Symptoms include pale skin, sleepiness, rapid heartbeat, and heart murmurs. Other symptoms can include abnormal features involving the face, head, hands, and thumbs. They may also have heart and kidney defects.

How is DBA treated?

A common treatment for DBA is blood transfusions. In a blood transfusion, a person receives healthy red blood cells from another person. Transfusions are needed every three weeks.

What causes DBA?

It is usually diagnosed the first year of life. About $\frac{1}{4}$ of the people have a family history of the disorder. For others, the cause is unknown.

How many people have DBA?

There are about 25-35 new cases of DBA per year in the United States and Canada. It affects boys and girls equally and occurs in every ethnic group.

Is there a cure for DBA?

In recent years, there have been many advances in understanding DBA. Discoveries are being made every day to aid in diagnosis and treatment. Currently there is no "cure" for DBA. However, with appropriate medical treatment, patients can live long and healthy lives.

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