

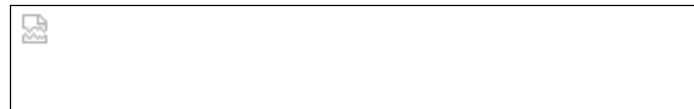
# CHERUBS

## The Association of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Research, Advocacy, and Support



Welcome to the website of CHERUBS- The Association of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Research, Advocacy, and Support. This site is for families and medical care providers of children born with Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia (CDH). We are currently reconstructing this site in order to decrease the loading time and organize the pages. We are also adding more pages, so please be patient with us. Feel free to look around and e-mail us if you have any questions. Keep an eye on our "Recent and Upcoming Events" section to see what new projects we have going on, including on-line support group meetings. We also advise new and expectant parents to look at and print "About CDH" and "Medical Terms". We currently serve over 200 families in 48 states and 9 countries. This site is dedicated to the memories of all of the cherubs who are no longer with us.

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Not quite sure about what Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia is or how it happens? Here is a description written by our Vice-President.



Projects in the works, website updates, current medical journal articles.  
(updated monthly).



Dozens of stories and pictures of some of our cherubs.



The most recent issue of our newsletter, The Silver Lining (updated quarterly).



What exactly will you get with your membership? Find out here.



On-line membership form for parents, grandparents, and guardians. Just follow directions, fill out as much of the form as you can, send it in, and you're a member! And the best part- parent membership is free.



Doctors, nurses, social workers... Do you see several CDH patients per year? Why not support these families by becoming a member of CHERUBS and providing these families with information and support?



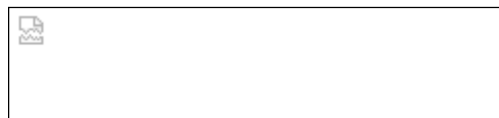
Come to our monthly on-line support group meetings or just meet another CDH parent here to talk. Members and all parents of children born with CDH are invited too join.



What is a listserv? [Click here to find out.](#)



Our branch of the I.C.Q. internet pager program. [Click here to find out the details.](#)



Need to ask a question to the group or do you want to see if you can help answer someone else's question?



Need someone to talk to? Another parent who understands what you are going through? We have parent volunteers on-call to lend support and a kind ear.



CHERUBS subsists on donations only. Come see if you can help us with something on our Wish List and help us to help more families.



Details of our most recent fund-raising activities. Looking for Holiday gift-giving ideas?



A basic, easily to understand, dictionary of commonly used medical terms that will help expectant and new parents "translate" all the medical jargon.



Advice to new or expectant parents from our members.



Come see if we've found anything new since last year's survey.



Our detailed 10-page survey among our members. Our effort to try to find the cause of CDH.



The story of Shane Torrence and how CHERUBS was founded in 1995 by Shane's mom.



Meet the doctors, nurses, and parents that have helped form CHERUBS.



Links to on-line support, national and international support groups, grief support, pregnancy support, state resources, medical information, and personal homepages of some of our members.



Our award given to websites dealing with the prevention of birth defects.



Our "trophy room" of website awards that we have received.



Come here through a webring? Here is how you get to the next site.



Visit our "sister organization" in Holland:



Please take the  
time to sign our  
guestbook and let  
us and other  
parents know how  
you feel about  
CHERUBS.



We have had  visitors since November 14, 1997.

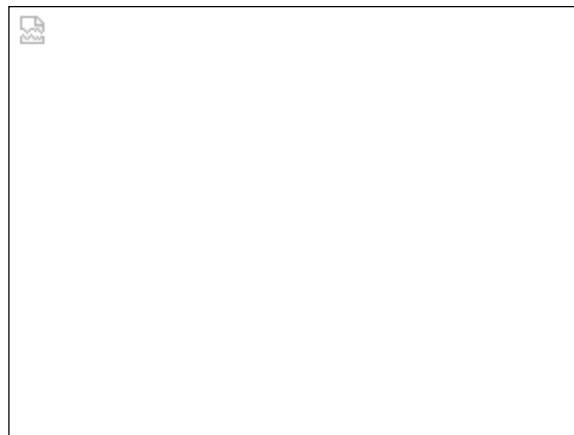


CHERUBS does not advocate or dissuade parents to choose or not to choose any medical procedures. We support all decisions made in the patient's best interests. REMEMBER: All babies are different, you cannot predict your child's future or compare your child to any other child born with CDH. The research printed in this website and in any material published by CHERUBS is for your information and education only. It is not an indicator of how well your child or any child with CDH will do. Any medical professional will tell you that babies born with CDH take very unpredictable paths, your child is no different. The information

in this site is here to help you learn about your child's diagnosis and to keep you updated in the research world. Right now, no one knows what causes CDH or how it can be prevented. Maybe someday soon, other children will be spared from this traumatic birth defect.



We would like to thank our on-line service provider, Gloryroad, Chudy International, Inc., for donating the space for this web site and SVS Consulting, Luis Gonzales, Dean Gass, and Steve and Fran VanderSchaaf for making this website possible.



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