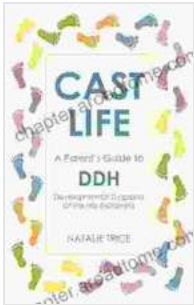


The Ultimate Parent's Guide to Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip (DDH)



Cast Life: A Parent's Guide to DDH: Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip Explained by Natalie Trice

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What is Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip (DDH)?

Developmental dysplasia of the hip (DDH) is a condition that affects the hip joint in infants and young children. It occurs when the hip joint is not properly formed, which can lead to dislocation or instability of the hip.

DDH is one of the most common birth defects, affecting approximately 1 in 1,000 babies. It is more common in girls than boys, and it can be present in one or both hips.

Causes and Risk Factors

The exact cause of DDH is unknown, but it is believed to be related to a combination of genetic and environmental factors.

Some of the risk factors for DDH include:

- Being female
- Having a family history of DDH
- Being born in a breech position
- Having swaddling that restricts the hips
- Having a developmental delay

Symptoms

The symptoms of DDH can vary depending on the severity of the condition.

Some of the common symptoms include:

- Uneven skin folds around the thighs
- One leg that appears shorter than the other
- Difficulty spreading the hips apart
- A clicking or popping sound when the hips are moved
- Pain or discomfort in the hip

Diagnosis

DDH is diagnosed through a physical examination by a doctor or pediatrician.

The doctor will check for the following:

- Uneven skin folds around the thighs

- One leg that appears shorter than the other
- Difficulty spreading the hips apart
- A clicking or popping sound when the hips are moved

The doctor may also Free Download an ultrasound or X-ray to confirm the diagnosis.

Treatment

The treatment for DDH depends on the severity of the condition and the age of the child.

Treatment options for DDH include:

- **Observation:** For mild cases of DDH, simple observation may be all that is needed.
- **Harnesses or splints:** These devices can help to keep the hip in the correct position.
- **Surgery:** In severe cases of DDH, surgery may be necessary to repair the hip joint.

Prevention

There is no sure way to prevent DDH, but some things can help to reduce the risk.

Some of these things include:

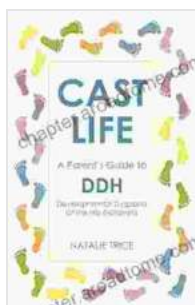
- Avoiding swaddling that restricts the hips

- Encouraging your baby to spread their hips apart
- Carrying your baby in a position that supports their hips
- Having your baby checked for DDH by a doctor or pediatrician

Developmental dysplasia of the hip (DDH) is a serious condition that can affect the hip joint in infants and young children.

Early diagnosis and treatment are essential for preventing long-term damage to the hip.

If you are concerned that your child may have DDH, talk to your doctor or pediatrician.



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