



## REYE'S SYNDROME

### WHAT IS REYE'S SYNDROME?

REYE'S SYNDROME IS SUDDEN BRAIN DAMAGE AND LIVER FUNCTION PROBLEMS OF UNKNOWN CAUSE.

### WHO GETS REYE'S SYNDROME?

THE ILLNESS IS SEEN IN CHILDREN WHO ARE GIVEN ASPIRIN TO TREAT CHICKENPOX OR THE FLU.

### WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF REYE'S SYNDROME?

CHILDREN WITH REYE'S SYNDROME GET SICK VERY SUDDENLY. IT USUALLY BEGINS WITH VOMITING, FOLLOWED BY IRRITABLE AND COMBATIVE BEHAVIOR. AS THE ILLNESS GETS WORSE, THE CHILD MAY HAVE PROBLEMS WITH THEIR CONSCIOUS LEVEL. IF NOT TREATED, SEIZURES AND COMA MAY DEVELOP AND QUICKLY LEAD TO DEATH.

### HOW IS REYE'S SYNDROME TREATED?

THERE IS NO SPECIFIC TREATMENT FOR THE ILLNESS BUT FLUIDS, MEDICATION, AND BREATHING SUPPORT ARE GIVEN.

### HOW CAN REYE'S SYNDROME BE PREVENTED?

NEVER GIVE A CHILD ASPIRIN UNLESS SPECIFICALLY TOLD TO DO SO BY YOUR DOCTOR.