

## What is Reye's Syndrome?



**For Kids' Sake, find out NOW!**

Reye's Syndrome is a disease that attacks all organs of the body, especially the brain and the liver.

Never give children under the age of 19 aspirin or products that contain aspirin.



Reye's Syndrome usually appears after the flu, chicken pox, or other viral infections.

The early signs of Reye's Syndrome are;

- Vomiting that will not stop
- Difficult to wake up; listless
- Loss of pep, or energy
- Unusual behavior; aggressive, confusion
- Symptoms in infants do not always include vomiting, but may include diarrhea, and rapid shallow breathing

Medicine can mask Reye's Syndrome symptoms so do not give children aspirin or anti-nausea medication.

Phone your doctor immediately if you think your child may have Reye's Syndrome. If your doctor is not available, take the child to the nearest emergency room.

**Time is important! Early diagnosis is VITAL!**

Never give children under the age of 19 aspirin (salicylate) or aspirin (salicylate) containing products. Check the label for any type of salicylate in children's products.

For more information; [www.ReyesSyndrome.Org](http://www.ReyesSyndrome.Org)  
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BECAUSE YOU NEED TO KNOW ....

## Reye's Syndrome

CAUSE AND CURE: UNKNOWN

Reye's Syndrome is a frightening, swift-acting disease that most often strikes children and adolescents recovering from viral illnesses. No one is immune.

Research has shown an association between the development of Reye's Syndrome and the use of aspirin or aspirin-containing medications.

Aspirin and combination products containing aspirin (salicylates) should not be given to children under 19 years of age.

Reye's Syndrome usually soon after a viral illness or upper respiratory infection, such as flu, chicken pox or the common cold.

Symptoms Include:

- Continuous or relentless vomiting
- Listlessness, loss of energy
- Irritability or combativeness
- Confusion and disorientation
- Aggression, striking out at those trying to help
- Coma

*Time is critical, and if Reye's Syndrome is suspected, get to a hospital right away. Early diagnosis is vitally important if treatment is to be successful.*

Common Aspirin Containing Medicines to Avoid

- Aspiring
- Alka-Seltzer
- Pepto-Bismol
- Pamprin
- Maalox
- Excedrin
- Aleve
- Kaopectate

READ ALL LABEL FOR SALICYLATES

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