

Homocystinuria

- Homocystinuria is an **inherited** (passed from parent to child) condition that occurs when the body is unable to break down certain **amino acids**. Amino acids are the “building blocks” that the body uses to make **proteins**.
- There are several types of homocystinuria. Babies with untreated homocystinuria may have health problems including the following:
 - Increased risk of blood clots
 - Dislocation of the lens of the eye
 - Skeletal abnormalities
 - Developmental delay (failure to meet developmental milestones on time)
 - Other health problems
- There is no cure for homocystinuria. However, vitamins and a special diet may help prevent these health problems.
- For more information about homocystinuria, please click on one of the following links:
 - [Medline Plus Medical Encyclopedia](#)
 - [National Library of Medicine Genetics Home Reference](#)