## WHAT IS ACQUIRED HYPOTHYROIDISM IN CHILDREN?

Acquired hypothyroidism is a condition that develops when your child's thyroid gland makes little or no thyroid hormone. Thyroid hormones help control body temperature, heart rate, and how your child gains or loses weight. Thyroid hormones play an important role in normal growth and development of children. Acquired hypothyroidism usually affects children starting at 6 months of age. Some children who have hypothyroidism when they are born only show signs and symptoms much later in childhood.

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