

What are signs and symptoms of congenital CMV disease?

Signs and symptoms of congenital CMV infection that are observed at birth include: small head size (microcephaly), small body size, little red spots under the skin (petechiae), enlarged liver (hepatomegaly), enlarged spleen (splenomegaly), yellow color of skin and eyes (jaundice), low blood count (anemia and/or thrombocytopenia), pneumonia, seizures, abnormal muscle tone, calcium deposits in the brain (intracranial calcifications), vision loss, and hearing loss. Although some of these conditions may resolve, many children will have life-long disabilities of varying degrees. Possible disabilities associated with congenital CMV disease are deafness, blindness, physical and motor impairment, seizure disorder, developmental differences and learning delays.