



Feeding and weight

The early months can be a difficult time when feeding a Treacher Collins baby. The baby's jaw may not be in a good sucking position which results in the baby sucking hard for a small amount of milk, getting tired, sleeping, then waking after a short time hungry again.

Once a TC baby starts solid food things generally become easier and the baby will start to put on weight. Some babies, however, due to the smallness of the mouth and throat, may not like lumpy or very textured food, preferring soft, smooth types instead.

As a result of this early feeding difficulty the TC baby can be underweight. It is very important to check with your doctor if you are worried, but to be aware that most TC babies are below the average weight. Although this is not a medically defined characteristic, in the majority of TC children it occurs as a common trait.

Frequently we hear about the TC baby being violently sick once every few days. There does not seem to be any written medical explanation for this but again it appears to happen quite regularly in TC babies. One theory is that the TC baby swallows more mucus etc. due to the smallness of the nasal passages which are often congested and infected, and this is the body's way of getting rid of this waste matter.

It can also be common for a small amount of food to come out of the nose.

It is very important that medical advice is sought in any instance that you are worried.

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