

Are you a new parent?



Do you know about infantile spasms?

Infantile spasms (IS) are:

- quick, sudden limb movements
- seizures that begin in the first year of life
- commonly mistaken for startle reflexes or colic
- serious



IMPORTANT:

If left untreated, children with IS may have intellectual and developmental disabilities later in life

How do you recognize IS?

- A combination of the following symptoms:
 - Arm raising and/or arm extension
 - Wide-eyed blinks
 - Bending forward at the waist
 - Jerking of the mid-section
 - Developmental regression/arrest
 - Dropping movements of the head

How are IS diagnosed and treated?

- EEG - a non-invasive way to monitor brain activity
- Anti-seizure drugs such as Vigabatrin or steroids



KNOW THE SIGNS!

For more information, go to the **IS** page at tsalliance.org