

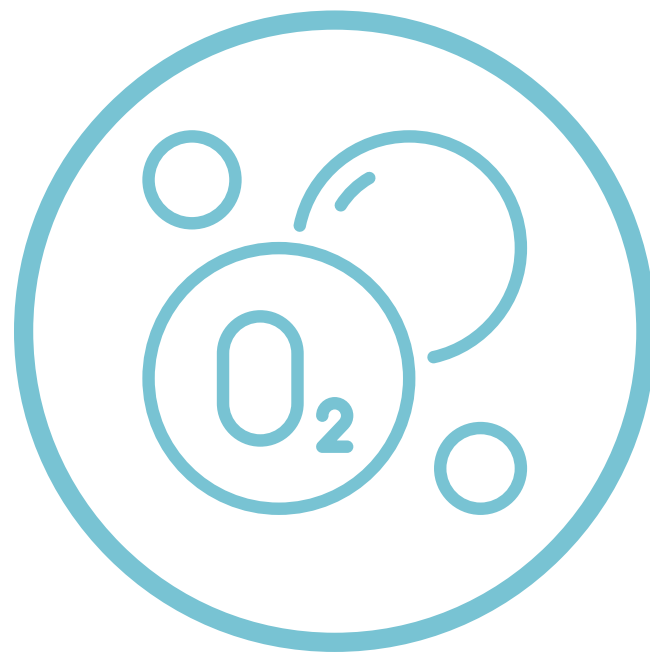


PROTECTING YOUR BABY'S BRAIN

**When Your Baby Needs
to Be Transferred for
Specialized Newborn
Care**

What is HIE & what does this mean?

Your baby is showing *signs* of HIE:



Hypoxic
(lack of oxygen)



Ischemic
(restricted blood flow)

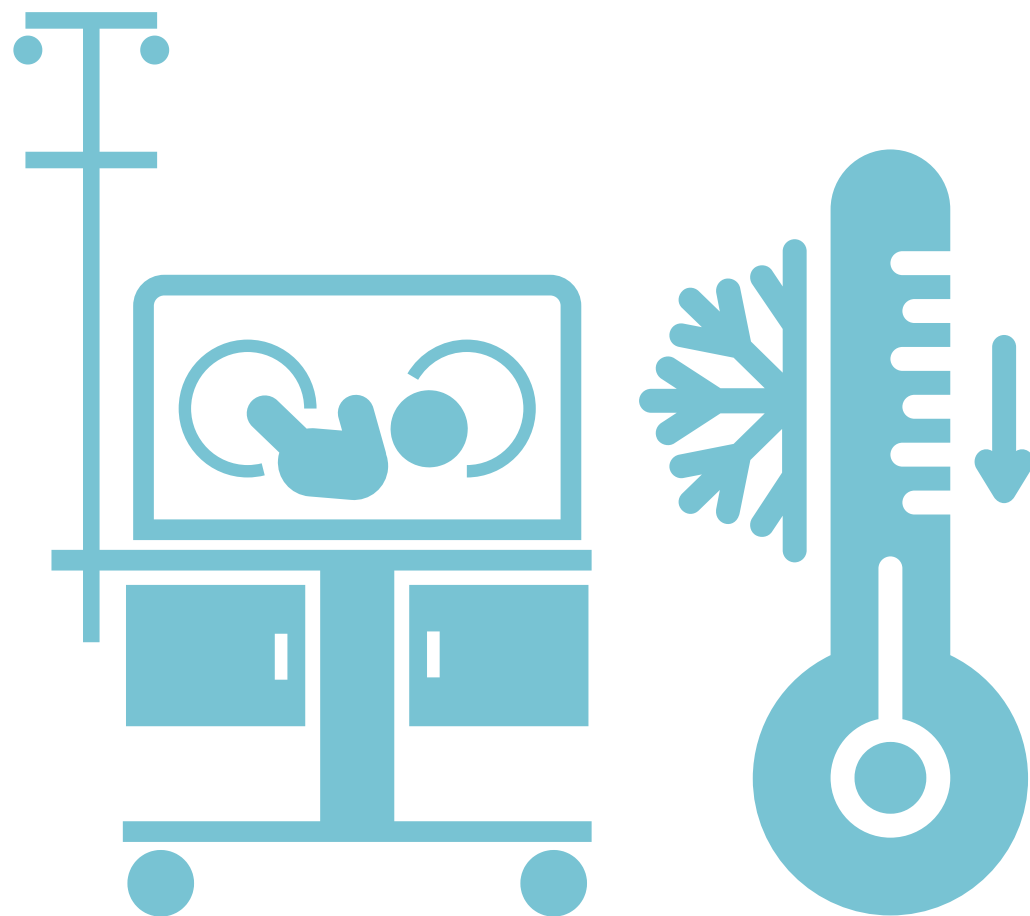


Encephalopathy
(affecting the brain)

HIE has many causes, and it affects every child differently. Some children go on to have minimal impacts, and some may have developmental disabilities, ranging from mild to more serious.

What will happen if my baby is cooled?

Therapeutic Hypothermia (Cooling), for babies who qualify (or who show specific symptoms), can help their brains heal - Cooling has been standard of care for almost 15 years, helping millions of babies around the world.



- Baby will be in a specialized bed on a cooling pad
- Cool down period
- 72 hours in cooling
- Warm up period
- Will be closely monitored

Why would my baby need to be transferred to another hospital?

After a difficult delivery, some babies may need extra support, because they didn't get enough oxygen or blood flow before or during birth.

Because time for treatment is important, your baby is being transferred to a hospital with a higher-level neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) that has the specialized team and equipment to provide the best possible care for babies with HIE.

Once your baby arrives, the NICU team will:

- Carefully assess your baby's condition
- Run tests such as brain monitoring (EEG), blood work, and imaging
- Decide whether cooling therapy is recommended or needed

Even if your baby does not need cooling, this transfer ensures your baby gets the highest level of expert care right away.

How will I get updates about my baby?

Your medical team will provide additional resources and information on how you will receive updates as your baby is transferred and admitted to the NICU.



Learn more
& connect to support:



HIE.Support

This brochure was created with love and care by families who have been through HIE, and the medical teams who care about and support HIE children and families.

You aren't alone in this and have support for you and your family, no matter what is ahead.