



RECOGNIZING CRANIOSYNOSTOSIS

PLAGIOCEPHALY, OR "FLAT HEAD" IS COMMON.

IT IS USUALLY CAUSED BY EXTERNAL FORCES AND IS CALLED **DEFORMATIONAL PLAGIOCEPHALY**. WHILE THIS CONDITION MAY IMPROVE OVER THE FIRST MONTHS, A FEW SIMPLE MANEUVERS CAN IMPROVE THIS RESULT.

UNILATERAL CORONAL CRANIOSYNOSTOSIS MAY ALSO CAUSE PLAGIOCEPHALY AND MUST BE CONSIDERED IN EACH CASE.

THE PHYSICAL FINDINGS ALLOW PROPER DIAGNOSIS IN MOST CASES. BABIES WITH CRANIOSYNOSTOSIS NEED TO BE IDENTIFIED EARLY AND REFERRED TO A CRANIOFACIAL TEAM.



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