Ohtahara Syndrome

Ohtahara syndrome is a neurological disorder. It causes seizures. The disorder affects newborns. It occurs usually within the first three months of life. Individuals with this disorder often have mental retardation. Or they may have other developmental impairments. The cause of the disorder is unknown.

TREATMENT

There is no cure for this disorder. Treatment is symptomatic and supportive. Most drug therapy has limited effect.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN

This disorder often is fatal. Those who survive suffer from severe mental and physical impairment.

RESEARCH BEING DONE

The NINDS conducts and supports an extensive research program on seizures and seizure-related disorders. Much of this research is aimed at increasing scientific understanding of these disorders and finding ways to prevent and treat them.

Research is continually being done to learn more about this problem.
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