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Medical condition

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Symptoms

Symptoms of EA may include:

- Bluish coloration to the skin (cyanosis) with attempted feeding
- Coughing, gagging, and choking with attempted feeding
- Drooling
- Poor feeding

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Causes

Oesophageal atresia is thought to be caused by a problem with the development of the oesophagus while the baby is in the womb, although it's not clear exactly why this happens.

The condition is more common in babies of mothers who had too much...

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