

**CRANIO
SYN
OSTOSIS**



big word
for such little babies

what is

CRANIOSYNOSTOSIS?

Cranio

Skull

Synostosis

premature
fusion of
sutures

Ask your dr.
about abnormal
head shapes

The normal skull consists of several plates of bone that are separated by sutures. The sutures (fibrous joints) are found between the bony plates in the head. The function of the sutures is to allow molding through the birth canal and adjustments for the growing brain. As the infant grows and develops, the sutures close, forming a solid piece of bone, called the skull.

Craniosynostosis is a condition in which the sutures close prematurely, causing problems with normal brain and skull growth and premature closure of the fontanelles (soft spots). Premature closure of the sutures may also cause the pressure inside the head to increase and the skull or facial bones to change from a normal, symmetrical appearance.

**CRANIOSYNOSTOSIS
OCCURS 1 IN 2,000**

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