Your Child Has An Unidentified Hemoglobin Trait

Is my baby sick?

Unidentified hemoglobin trait is not an illness or disease. It will not make your baby sick.

What is hemoglobin?

Hemoglobin is inside red blood cells and carries oxygen to all parts of the body. There are many types of hemoglobin, the most common are adult hemoglobin (A) and fetal hemoglobin (F). Your baby has both of these hemoglobin's and a hemoglobin variant.

How did my baby get an Unidentified Trait?

Hemoglobin is determined by genes. Genes are tiny bits of information. Babies get half of their genes from their mother and half from their father. An unidentified variant gene came from one parent and a normal hemoglobin gene came from the other. Your child has a hemoglobin trait because they have one normal (Adult) gene and one variant gene. It will always remain a trait, it will never turn into a disease.



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