



# Scoliosis

Scoliosis causes a sideways curve of your backbone, or spine. These curves are often S- or C-shaped. Scoliosis is most common in late childhood and the early teens, when children grow fast. Girls are more likely to have it than boys. It can run in families. Symptoms include leaning to one side and having uneven shoulders and hips.

Sometimes the curve is temporary. It might be due to muscle spasms, inflammation or having different leg lengths. A birth defect, tumor or another disease might cause the spine to have a curve that isn't temporary. People with mild scoliosis might only need checkups to see if the curve is getting worse. Others might need to wear a brace or have surgery.

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<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/scoliosis.html>

## Websites

National Scoliosis Foundation

<http://www.scoliosis.org/>

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Stoughton, MA 02072

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E-mail: [NSF@scoliosis.org](mailto:NSF@scoliosis.org)

The National Scoliosis Foundation is a patient-led non-profit organization dedicated to helping children, parents, adults and healthcare providers with the complexities of scoliosis.

**The Scoliosis Association: An International Information and Support Group**

[https://www.facebook.com/ScoliosisAssociation/info?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/ScoliosisAssociation/info?ref=page_internal)

P.O Box 811705

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The Scoliosis Association has information hotlines and 54 support groups throughout the U.S. and Canada.

## **Scoliosis Research Society**

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Scoliosis Research Society is a professional organization, made up of physicians and allied health personnel, whose primary focus is on providing continuing medical education for health care professionals and on supporting research in spinal deformities.

## **Mayo Clinic: Scoliosis**

<http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/scoliosis/DS00194>

This page discusses symptoms, causes, risk factors, tests and treatments for scoliosis.

## **MedlinePlus: Scoliosis**

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/scoliosis.html>

This page has general information on scoliosis, including diagnosis, treatment, and research.

## **OrthoInfo: Idiopathic Scoliosis in Children and Adolescents**

<http://orthoinfo.aaos.org/topic.cfm?topic=A00353>

This page has general information on scoliosis, including diagnosis and treatment, from the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

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