

Start getting the **answers** you need for the **questions ahead**

Raising a child with achondroplasia raises questions. Here are some sample questions you may want to discuss with your child's doctor.

Remember, you're the best advocate for your child—so be sure to ask as many questions as needed. In addition to the questions included, the notes section can be used to write down any other questions or thoughts you may have.

What causes achondroplasia?

Learn about the genetic cause behind achondroplasia to better understand how it impacts your child.

Does achondroplasia affect more than bone growth?

Although short stature is the most visible effect of achondroplasia, other systems in the body are affected as well.

What does this diagnosis mean for my child's growth, health, and development?

It can be helpful to understand the differences in growth and function your child may encounter, or why your child might experience unique health challenges.

What tests or imaging will be needed? What will they help us learn?

Find out about the types of diagnostic tests or imaging that may likely be part of your child's treatment plan.

Which specialists will be involved in my child's care?

Different specialists can help manage different aspects of living with achondroplasia. Your doctor can explain who they are, what they do, and how to contact them.

How often will we need to see the healthcare team? What will those visits involve?

Your child's healthcare needs will change as they grow.

How will we need to adapt our house, vehicle, or daily schedule?

Your child's doctor can discuss specific changes that may be needed to make life easier and more comfortable. These will evolve along with your child.

Where can we find support and connect with other families who are living with achondroplasia?

Many families find comfort, confidence, and practical help by connecting with others who share their experience.



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