

NORD - Congenital Athymia

Congenital hypothyroidism is a disorder in which a baby is born with a low level of thyroid hormone in their blood. This can lead to a reduced immune system and other health problems. A new treatment option for congenital hypothyroidism is to transplant healthy thyroid tissue from an adult into the baby's bloodstream. This treatment, called an implant, has now been approved by the FDA as a viable way to improve the baby's health. Over the next nine months, the implanted thyroid tissue grows and restores the baby's immune system. The transplant is not directly transferred from one baby to another.

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