

Parechovirus Alert

In November 2013, NSW Health received reports of a rise in the number of babies aged less than sixteen weeks old who develop a high fever and other symptoms who have been diagnosed with parechovirus infection. Please see media release

Information was passed on to the general community and health professionals to encourage early detection and appropriate management. Information is being collected to better describe the clinical presentation and progression of paediatric cases.

Parechovirus infection is probably quite common, and often causes no or mild symptoms, however occasionally it can cause more severe symptoms. A minority of children can get quite unwell quickly, but typically recover in a few days. There is no specific treatment for the infection, and require supportive care, sometimes in ICU.

Most cases make a complete recovery. Some children may be hospitalised for a short time.

Further information

[Parechovirus factsheet](#)

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<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/alerts/Pages/parechovirus-alert.aspx>

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