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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Websites

http://www.scoliosis.org/
National Scoliosis Foundation
5 Cabot Place
Stoughton, MA 02072
Phone: 800-673-6922 (Toll-free)
E-mail: 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.

https://www.facebook.com/ScoliosisAssociation/info?ref=page_internal
The Scoliosis Association: An International Information and Support Group
P.O Box 811705
Boca Raton, FL 33481
Phone: 800-800-0669 (Toll-free)
Email: bklb@hotmail.com
The Scoliosis Association has information hotlines and 54 support groups throughout the U.S. and Canada.

http://www.srs.org/
Scoliosis Research Society
555 East Wells Street, Suite 1100
Milwaukee, WI 53202-3823
Phone: 414-289-9107
Email: info@srs.org

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.

http://kidshealth.org/kid/health_problems/bone/scolio.html

KidsHealth: Scoliosis
This page has general information on scoliosis, including diagnosis and treatment, written for children.

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

Mayo Clinic: Scoliosis
This page discusses symptoms, causes, risk factors, tests and treatments for scoliosis.


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

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

OrthoInfo: Idiopathic Scoliosis in Children and Adolescents
This page has general information on scoliosis, including diagnosis and treatment, from the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

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