

Spina Bifida is a birth defect that involves the incomplete development of the spinal cord or its coverings.

This birth defect happens if the two sides of the spine fail to join together, leaving an open area. The spinal cord or other membranes may push through this opening and be visible on a baby's back. Other times, the defect is hidden under the skin.

Symptoms vary depending on the severity of the defect and where it is on the spine. Mild defects can cause no or very few problems, while more severe defects can cause long-term health problems. Children with an opening on the back will need surgery to close the defect.

Children with the most severe form of spina bifida often have spine and brain issues that cause serious problems. They may have:

- Little or no feeling in their legs, feet, or arms
- Bladder and bowel control issues
- Fluid buildup in the brain
- Seizures, learning problems, or vision problems
- A curve in their spine

BLACKBURN'S staff will match patients' needs with the proper equipment and supplies that allow them to continue their current activity level at home.

The following list is an example of equipment and supplies a person might need with the diagnosis of spina bifida.



For local support resources, contact
www.spinabifidaassociation.org

Medical Supplies

Youth/Adult Briefs
Liners & Underpads
Catheter Kits
Irrigation Trays
Ostomy Supplies
Wound Care
Enteral & Supplemental Nutrition
Nurse Consultations

Mobility Equipment

Scooters, Walkers & Rollators
Standard & Complex:
Manual or Power Wheelchairs
Custom Seating & Positioning
Assistive Technology Professionals (ATPs)

Home Accessibility

Stair Lifts
Vertical Platform Lifts
Mounted & Portable Overhead Lifts
Portable & Modular Ramp Systems
Certified Environmental Access Consultant
(C.E.A.C)

Pharmacy

Prescribed Medications
Unit-Dose Medications
Mail Order
Pharmacist Consultations

Support Surfaces

Low-Air Loss Mattress
Air-Fluidized Therapy Beds
Gel, Foam & Air Overlays



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