# **COMMON INFANT**

# ILLNESSES



#### Shaken Baby Syndrome

- Extreme fussiness or irritability
- Difficulty staying awake
- Breathing problems
- Poor eating
- Vomiting
- Pale or bluish skin
- Seizures
- Paralysis
- Coma

#### 2 Colic/Purple Crying

- Burping often or passing a lot of gas
- Having a bright red (flushed) face
- Having a tight belly
- Curling up their legs toward their belly when crying
- Clenching their fists when crying

## Jaundice

- The skin on your baby's belly, arms, or legs looks yellow
- The whites of your baby's eyes look yellow
- The baby seems tired, to not have energy, or is sick
- The baby isn't gaining weight or is feeding poorly
- The baby makes high-pitched cries

### Ear Infection

- Tugging or pulling at the ear(s)
- Fussiness and crying
- Trouble sleeping
- Fever (especially in babies and younger children)
- Fluid draining from the ear
- Clumsiness or problems with balance
- Trouble hearing or responding to quiet sounds



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