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Infections, allergies and asthma can cause coughs in children. Identify possible common causes based on symptoms your child is experiencing.

**Abstract**

Find possible causes of cough in children. See our Symptom Checker.

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**ENTER IN FARCRY:**

**When to get medical help**

Seek emergency care if you suspect something is lodged in your child's throat or if your child's cough is accompanied by: (1)

Swallowing difficulty or drooling

Stiff neck

Blue or dusky lips

Breathing trouble

High fever

High-pitched noises when inhaling

Seek advice from your doctor if your child's cough is accompanied by a fever that: (14)

Lasts longer than is typical (approximately three days)

Is less responsive to medication than is typical

**Self-care strategies**

To soothe your child's cough: (1)

Offer plenty of fluids, such as warm water with honey

Encourage rest

Use a humidifier or sit with your child in a steamy bathroom

Offer an older child hard candy or throat lozenges if choking is not a concern

**More Information**

Cough MY00108

**END OF FARCRY TEXT**

Find possible causes of cough based on specific factors. Check one or more factors on this page that apply to your child's symptom.

**Cough is**

Dry

Followed by a "whoop" when inhaling

Gasping

Harsh or barking

Producing phlegm or sputum

**Problem is**

New or recent

Ongoing or recurrent

Progressive or worsening

**Triggered or worsened by**

Allergens or irritants

**Accompanied by**

Bluish skin on face

Chest pain or tightness

Chills or sweating

Decreased energy or fatigue

Diarrhea

Drooling or difficulty swallowing

Fever

Headache or facial pain

High-pitched breathing sound when inhaling

Hoarse voice

Lack of appetite

Muscle aches

Rapid heartbeat

Rapid or difficult breathing

Red eyes

Runny or stuffy nose

Shortness of breath

Sneezing

Sore throat

Vomiting

Watery or itchy eyes

Wheezing

**Possible causes**

These diseases and conditions match at least one of the factors you selected. Those with the most matches are listed first.

DS00021 Asthma (2, p. 18; 3)

Cough is dry

Cough is producing phlegm or sputum

Problem is ongoing or recurrent

Triggered or worsened by allergens or irritants

Accompanied by chest pain or tightness

Accompanied by shortness of breath

Accompanied by wheezing

DS00481 Bronchiolitis (2, p. 4; 4)

Cough is dry

Cough is producing phlegm or sputum

Problem is new or recent

Accompanied by fever

Accompanied by rapid heartbeat

Accompanied by rapid or difficult breathing

Accompanied by runny or stuffy nose

Accompanied by wheezing

DS00031 Bronchitis (5; 14)

Cough is producing phlegm or sputum

Problem is new or recent

Problem is ongoing or recurrent

Problem is progressive or worsening

Accompanied by chest pain or tightness

Accompanied by decreased energy or fatigue

Accompanied by fever

Accompanied by runny or stuffy nose

Accompanied by shortness of breath

Accompanied by sore throat

Accompanied by wheezing

DS00056 Common cold (6, 14)

Cough is dry

Cough is producing phlegm or sputum

Problem is new or recent

Accompanied by decreased energy or fatigue

Accompanied by fever

Accompanied by headache or facial pain

Accompanied by runny or stuffy nose

Accompanied by sneezing

Accompanied by sore throat

Accompanied by watery or itchy eyes

DS00312 Croup (2, p. 3; 7)

Cough is gasping

Cough is harsh or barking

Problem is new or recent

Accompanied by bluish skin on face

Accompanied by drooling or difficulty swallowing

Accompanied by fever

Accompanied by high-pitched breathing sound when inhaling

Accompanied by hoarse voice

Accompanied by rapid or difficult breathing

Accompanied by runny or stuffy nose

DS00174 Hay fever (2, p. 287; 8)

Cough is dry

Problem is ongoing or recurrent

Triggered or worsened by allergens or irritants

Accompanied by decreased energy or fatigue

Accompanied by headache or facial pain

Accompanied by runny or stuffy nose

Accompanied by sneezing

Accompanied by sore throat

Accompanied by watery or itchy eyes

DS00081 Influenza (flu) (9)

Cough is dry

Problem is new or recent

Accompanied by chills or sweating

Accompanied by decreased energy or fatigue

Accompanied by diarrhea

Accompanied by fever

Accompanied by headache or facial pain

Accompanied by lack of appetite

Accompanied by muscle aches

Accompanied by runny or stuffy nose

Accompanied by sneezing

Accompanied by sore throat

Accompanied by vomiting

DS00366 Laryngitis (10)

Cough is dry

Problem is new or recent

Accompanied by hoarse voice

Accompanied by sore throat

DS00135 Pneumonia (2, p. 7-8; 11; 14)

Cough is dry

Cough is producing phlegm or sputum

Problem is new or recent

Problem is ongoing or recurrent

Problem is progressive or worsening

Accompanied by chest pain or tightness

Accompanied by chills or sweating

Accompanied by decreased energy or fatigue

Accompanied by fever

Accompanied by headache or facial pain

Accompanied by muscle aches

Accompanied by runny or stuffy nose

Accompanied by shortness of breath

Accompanied by sore throat

DS00414 Respiratory syncytial virus (2, p. 4; 6; 12)

Cough is dry

Cough is producing phlegm or sputum

Problem is new or recent

Accompanied by fever

Accompanied by rapid heartbeat

Accompanied by rapid or difficult breathing

Accompanied by runny or stuffy nose

Accompanied by wheezing

DS00445 Whooping cough (2, p. 442; 13)

Cough is dry

Cough is followed by a "whoop" when inhaling

Cough is harsh or barking

Cough is producing phlegm or sputum

Problem is new or recent

Accompanied by decreased energy or fatigue

Accompanied by fever

Accompanied by red eyes

Accompanied by runny or stuffy nose

Accompanied by sneezing

Accompanied by vomiting

Accompanied by watery or itchy eyes

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