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Tourette Syndrome

If you have Tourette syndrome, you make unusual movements or sounds, called tics. You have little or no control over them. Common tics are throat-clearing and blinking. You may repeat words, spin, or, rarely, blurt out swear words.

Tourette syndrome is a disorder of the nervous system. It often occurs with other problems, such as:


- Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder [<https://medlineplus.gov/attentiondeficithyperactivitydisorder.html>] (ADHD)
- Obsessive-compulsive disorder [<https://medlineplus.gov/obsessivecompulsivedisorder.html>] (OCD)
- Anxiety [<https://medlineplus.gov/anxiety.html>]
- Depression [<https://medlineplus.gov/depression.html>]

The cause of Tourette syndrome is unknown. It is more common in boys than girls. The tics usually start in childhood and may be worst in the early teens. Many people eventually outgrow them.

No treatment is needed unless the tics interfere with everyday life. Excitement or worry can make tics worse. Calm, focused activities may make them better. Medicines and talk therapy may also help.

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Start Here

- About Tourette Syndrome [<https://www.cdc.gov/tourette-syndrome/about/>] (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
Also in Spanish [<https://www.cdc.gov/tourette-syndrome/es/about/sobre-el-sindrome-de-gilles-de-la-tourette.html>]
- Tourette Syndrome [<https://www.ninds.nih.gov/health-information/disorders/tourette-syndrome>]
 (National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke)

Diagnosis and Tests

- Diagnosis for Tic Disorders [<https://www.cdc.gov/tourette-syndrome/diagnosis/>] (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

Prevention and Risk Factors

- Risk Factors (For Tourette Syndrome) [https://www.cdc.gov/tourette-syndrome/about/#cdc_disease_basics_risk-risk-factors] (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

Treatments and Therapies

- Treatment of Tourette Syndrome [<https://www.cdc.gov/tourette-syndrome/treatment/>] (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
Also in Spanish [<https://www.cdc.gov/tourette-syndrome/es/treatment/tratamiento-del-sindrome-de-gilles-de-la-tourette.html>]

Living With


- 8 Ways to Deal with Ticking in Public [<https://tourette.org/about-tourette/adults-ticking-public/>] (Tourette Association of America)
Also in Spanish [<https://tourette.org/about-tourette/overview/espanol/viviendo-con-tourette/adultos/tics-en-publico-8-formas-de-manejarlos/>]

Exercise, Sports and Tourette Syndrome [<https://tourette.org/resource/exercise-sports-tourette-syndrome/>]
(Tourette Association of America)

Related Issues

- **Other Concerns and Conditions of Tourette Syndrome** [<https://www.cdc.gov/tourette-syndrome/other-concerns/>]
(Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
Also in Spanish [<https://www.cdc.gov/tourette-syndrome/es/other-concerns/otras-preocupaciones-y-condiciones-medicas-relacionadas-con-el-sindrome-de-gilles-de-la-tourette.html>]
- **Stuttering and Tourette's Syndrome** [<https://www.stutteringhelp.org/stuttering-and-tourettes-syndrome>]
(Stuttering Foundation of America)
Also in Spanish [https://www.tartamudez.org/sites/default/files/Migrate/Stuttering_TourettesSyndrome_spanish.pdf]


Genetics

- **Tourette syndrome: MedlinePlus Genetics** [<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/condition/tourette-syndrome>]
 (National Library of Medicine)

Statistics and Research

- **Data and Statistics on Tourette Syndrome** [<https://www.cdc.gov/tourette-syndrome/data/>]
(Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

Clinical Trials


- **ClinicalTrials.gov: Tourette Syndrome** [<https://clinicaltrials.gov/search?cond=%22Tourette+Syndrome%22&aggFilters=status:not%20rec>]  (National Institutes of Health)

Journal Articles

References and abstracts from MEDLINE/PubMed (National Library of Medicine)

- **Article: ImproviNg Tic services in EnglaND: a multi-method study to explore existing...**
[<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/40623862>]
- **Article: A narrative review of Phase III and IV clinical trials for...** [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/40489853>]
- **Article: Clinical efficacy of Shaomazhijing granules in the treatment of Tourette's syndrome:...**
[<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/40450353>]
- **Tourette Syndrome -- see more articles** [<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/?term=%22Tourette+Syndrome%22%5Bmajr%3Anoexp%5D+AND+humans%5Bmh%5D+AND+english%5Bla%5D+AND+%22last+1+Year%22+%5Bedat%5D+NOT+%28letter%5Bpt%5D+OR+case+reports%5Bpt%5D+OR+editorial%5Bpt%5D+OR+comment%5Bpt%5D%29+AND+free+full+text%5Bsb%5D+>]

Find an Expert

- **National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke** [<https://www.ninds.nih.gov/>] 

Children

- **Tics and Tourette Syndrome** [<https://familydoctor.org/condition/tics-and-tourette-syndrome/?adfree=true>]
(American Academy of Family Physicians)
Also in Spanish [<https://es.familydoctor.org/condicion/tics-y-sindrome-de-tourette-es/?adfree=true>]
- **Tourette Syndrome in Children** [<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/tourette.html>] (Nemours Foundation)
Also in Spanish [<https://kidshealth.org/es/parents/tourette.html>]
- **Tourette Syndrome: A Not-So-Frightening Diagnosis** [<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/health-issues/conditions/emotional-problems/pages/Tics-Tourette-Syndrome-and-OCD.aspx>] (American Academy of Pediatrics)

Adults

- Later in Life [<https://tourette.org/about-tourette/overview/living-tourette-syndrome/adults/late-in-life/>] (Tourette Association of America)

Patient Handouts

- Tourette syndrome [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/000733.htm>] (Medical Encyclopedia)
Also in Spanish [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/ency/article/000733.htm>]



MEDICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA

Chronic motor or vocal tic disorder [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/000745.htm>]

Facial tics [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/001410.htm>]

Provisional tic disorder [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/000747.htm>]

Tourette syndrome [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/000733.htm>]

National Institutes of Health

The primary NIH organization for research on *Tourette Syndrome* is the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke [<http://www.ninds.nih.gov/>]

NIH MedlinePlus Magazine

Living With Tourette Syndrome Is Nothing To Be Embarrassed About [<https://magazine.medlineplus.gov/article/living-with-tourette-syndrome-is-nothing-to-be-embarrassed-about>]

Tourette Syndrome: What You Need To Know [<https://magazine.medlineplus.gov/article/tourette-syndrome-what-you-need-to-know>]

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