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Earlobe creases are lines in the surface of the earlobe of a child or young adult. The surface is otherwise smooth.

### Considerations

The earlobes of children and young adults are normally smooth. Creases are sometimes linked with conditions that are passed down through families. Other genetic factors, such as race and earlobe shape, may also determine who develops earlobe creasing and when it occurs.

It is not uncommon to have one small abnormality in facial features, such as an earlobe crease. Most often, this does not indicate a serious medical condition.

### Causes

In children, earlobe creases are sometimes linked with rare disorders. One of these is Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome.

### When to Contact a Medical Professional

In most cases, the health care provider will notice earlobe creases during a regular checkup.

Talk to your provider if you are concerned that your child's earlobe creases may be linked to an inherited disorder.

### What to Expect at Your Office Visit

The provider will examine your child and ask questions about medical history and symptoms. These may include:

- When did you first notice the earlobe creases?
- What other symptoms or problems have you also noticed?

Tests depend on the symptoms and appearance of the earlobe creases.

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