



Is your baby jaundiced at more than three weeks of age?

If yes, that could be the sign of a serious problem.

Biliary atresia (bī'-lē-ər-ē • är-trēz'-ē-ə)

n. A rare disease of the liver and bile ducts that occurs in infants.

When a baby has biliary atresia, bile flow from the liver to the gallbladder is blocked. This causes the bile to be trapped inside the liver, quickly causing jaundice, damage, scarring and finally causing liver failure.

Symptoms develop about two to eight weeks after birth and include:

- *Jaundice*
- *Dark urine*
- *Pale-colored stool*
- *Weight loss*

If you suspect any of these symptoms, please inform your health care provider.