Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia
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Congenital diaphragmatic hernia is a clinical entity characterized by abnormal gait of one or more abdominal organs into the chest cavity through an opening or congenital diaphragmatic dehiscence.

Its incidence varies between 0.08 and 0.45 per 1 000 live births¹,²,³ and it is associated in 40 to 50% with other malformations.² It is very common (85-90%), its location can be left (80%), right (15%) or mixed (5%).³ It has a mortality of 50 to 80% depending on the degree of pulmonary hypoplasia and persistent pulmonary hypertension development.³

It is clinically manifested by tachycardia, tachypnea, decreased breath sounds, bowel sounds in ipsilateral hemithorax and excavated abdomen. The diagnosis is made by chest radiography³ and the treatment is surgical.¹

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