

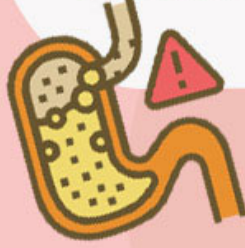


# CONDITIONS THAT MAY AFFECT GAGGING IN BABIES



## Dysphagia

- Babies have difficulty swallowing food.
- Since babies cannot swallow properly, they may experience excessive gagging.



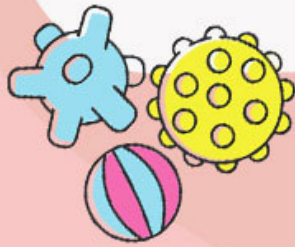
## Teething

- Babies produce more saliva.
- Excessive saliva may lead to excessive gagging and coughing.



## Oral-motor and oral-sensory problems

- Conditions are either present from birth or develop as babies grow.
- Both conditions may cause excessive gagging in babies.



## Hypotonia

- Babies with hypotonia have decreased muscle tone.
- It may cause an underactive gag reflex since the tongue protrudes from the mouth.



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