1. PHACE is an acronym for a specific vascular birthmark syndrome. P = Posterior Fossa, H = Hemangioma, A = Arterial defect, C = Cardiac problems and E = Eye problems.
2. Infants with a hemangioma in the “beard area” or facial area are suspicious for PHACE Syndrome and should be checked.
3. You only need the H (Hemangioma) and one other issue to qualify as PHACE Syndrome.
4. Affected infants rarely suffer from all of the associated conditions.
5. PHACE Syndrome is often confused with SWS (port wine stain and associated issues). However, PHACE Syndrome involves an Infantile Hemangioma, and SWS involves a PWS. Sometimes they are hard to differentiate at birth. Differentiation becomes easier in the first and second month of life.
6. Structural vascular anomalies of the brain are the most common associated condition, along with the hemangioma. They are also the most worrisome.
7. In addition to brain involvement, aortic anomalies have also been detected with some PHACE Syndrome cases.
8. Nearly 90% of all diagnosed PHACE Syndrome cases are girls.
9. There has been no clinical evidence that these run in a family.
10. PHACE Syndrome requires a thorough examination and knowledge from a medical team that understands the complexity of this syndrome. Because the hemangioma itself is rarely present at birth (usually appears a week or two later) data on newborns with PHACE Syndrome is virtually non-existent.