

## SYMPTOMS AND EARLY INDICATIONS OF THALASSAEMIA

- Child appears normal at birth. However, he/she will slowly show signs of anemia, becoming severe when he/she reaches the age of between 3 and 18 months
- Very obvious pale and sickly appearance and the child is often weak and restless
- Severe anemia can cause breathing difficulties
- Jaundice
- Distended abdomen due to swelling of liver and heart
- Stunted growth
- Changes in facial bone structures

**Thalassaemia patients require blood transfusion on a monthly basis. Without adequate treatment the child will experience several complications and usually die at an early age.**

