

# Resources for Poor Prenatal Diagnosis

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## Books

*Expecting Adam* by Martha Beck ([www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com))

(Journal of a mother of a Down's Syndrome son covering her pregnancy and Adam's early years. This book is a must read and a must for your counseling shelves.)

The following booklets are available at [www.elizabethministry.com](http://www.elizabethministry.com)

*Our Unborn Baby Has a Problem* - Reflection booklet for those who have been given a bad prenatal diagnosis.

*Infertility Journey* - Summarizes Church teaching on reproductive technology.

*Prenatal Testing* - Discusses risks and realities of prenatal testing.

*Mourning a Miscarriage: Prayer for a Couple Grieving the Death of Their Unborn Child*

**Web Sites** for those with poor prenatal diagnosis (tests show the baby has a genetic anomaly or malformation):

**Morning Light Ministry** is a Catholic ministry for bereaved parents that also has information for parents in turmoil over a bad diagnosis. This is an excellent site. The "Hope in Turmoil" page addresses the bad diagnosis, and they have information and support for parents. <http://ca.geocities.com/morninglightministry@rogers.com>

**Be Not Afraid** is an on-line resource for parents faced with a poor or difficult prenatal diagnosis. Parents can read the experiences of other parents who have carried to term and receive support. [www.benotafraid.net](http://www.benotafraid.net)

[www.trisomy.org](http://www.trisomy.org) - Support Organization for Families of Trisomy

[www.livingwithtrisomy13.org](http://www.livingwithtrisomy13.org) - Trisomy 13 support group

[www.ndss.org](http://www.ndss.org) - National Down Syndrome Society

[www.chask.org](http://www.chask.org) - Adoption of Special Needs Children

[www.aaplog.org](http://www.aaplog.org) - Pro-Life Doctors Referrals

[www.mend.org](http://www.mend.org) - Aid for Women Who Have Experienced Pregnancy Loss

[www.nathhan.com](http://www.nathhan.com) - Christian Support For Families of Special Needs Children

[www.benotafraid.net](http://www.benotafraid.net) - Inspirational Stories of Special Children and Special Families

[www.livingwithtrisomy.org](http://www.livingwithtrisomy.org) - Support for Trisomy Families

[www.aplacetoremember.com](http://www.aplacetoremember.com) - Support for anyone touched by a crisis pregnancy or the death of a baby

[www.littlehearts.net](http://www.littlehearts.net) - Support for parents of children with heart defects

[www.asfhelp.com](http://www.asfhelp.com) - Support for parents with an Anencephaly diagnosis

**Institute for Fetal Health** is a program for families and doctors who discover an anomaly in an unborn child. People can self-refer or be referred by a doctor. The Institute has a team of nationally recognized specialists from many disciplines who are committed to care for anomalies in the fetus, infant and child. *\*\*I do not know how they feel about abortion, but they are committed to treating anomalies and giving parents accurate information.* I personally spoke to Dr. Talbot who says he is available at this number and that they will get information within 48 hours and perhaps sooner. He was most gracious and helpful in our conversation. As he said, their purpose is to provide accurate information.

[www.childrensmemorial.org/depts/fetalhealth](http://www.childrensmemorial.org/depts/fetalhealth)

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Postal Mail: Institute for Fetal Health, #115

Children's Memorial Hospital

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**Prenatal Partners for Life** is dedicated to providing families expecting – or families who have just had a special needs child – the support, information, and encouragement they need to make informed decisions involving their preborn or newborn child's care. We believe these children are unique gifts from God and have a special purpose in life that only they can fulfill. Our goal is to provide honest, practical information about parenting a special needs child by linking expectant parents or new parents of a special needs child with other parents who have had the same diagnosis. This support can be provided in person, over the phone, by email or in written correspondence.

Prenatal Partners for Life is a group of concerned parents (most of whom have or had a special needs child), medical professionals, legal professionals and clergy whose aim is to support, inform and encourage expectant or new parents. We offer support by connecting parents facing an adverse diagnosis with other parents who have had the same diagnosis. We have many resources such as adoption agencies with clients waiting to adopt and love a special needs child should a parent feel they could not care for them. We believe each child is a special gift from God. [www.prenatalpartnersforlife.org](http://www.prenatalpartnersforlife.org)

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