

SOURCES of Information on Vaginal Hypoplasia/Agenesis

(compiled by AIS Support Group (AISSG) <http://www.medhelp.org/www/ais>)

Agenesis means "absence of" or "failure to develop". Hypoplasia means "less development than usual". We have a web page on this subject (http://www.medhelp.org/www/ais/31_HPLASIA.htm). It is also covered in various articles in back issues of ALIAS (<http://www.medhelp.org/www/ais/pdfs/aissg-basic-info.pdf>), as follows:

- ALIAS No. 2 – "Vaginal Agenesis" and "Vaginoplasty/Pressure Dilatation"
- ALIAS No. 3 – "Vaginal Dilators"
- ALIAS No. 4 – "Vaginal Hypoplasia Treatments"
- ALIAS No. 5 – "Vaginal Dilators Re-visited", "Vecchietti Video" and "Inside Out"
- ALIAS No. 6 – "External Emphasis", "Vecchietti Re-visited" and "Stretch Yourself"
- ALIAS No. 7 – "Plumbing Problem Perception", "Inferior Interiority" and "Vorsprung durch Technik?"
- ALIAS No. 11 – "Vaginal Hypoplasia" (*about the Vecchietti method*) and "User-Friendly Dilators" (*describes/illustrates the 'Amielle' dilators, available from <http://www.owenmumford.com/brochure-st.html>*)
- ALIAS No. 12 – "A Move in the Right Direction" (*describes/illustrates the Veronikis dilators, available from <http://www.marinamedical.com>*)
- ALIAS No. 13 – "3rd US Meeting" (*describes/illustrates the Vecchietti method and more about the [2 types of] 'Veronikis' dilator - Dr. Veronikis attended the meeting*) and "Vaginal Hypoplasia Discussion"
- ALIAS No. 14 – "Vaginoplasty vs Dilation", "A Vote for Vecchietti" and "The Ups and Downs of Dilators"
- ALIAS No. 19 – "MRKH/Vaginal Atresia"
- ALIAS No. 20 – "Vecchietti Method".

Women with Mayer Rokitansky Kuster Hauser (MRKH) Syndrome, like many AIS women, have an absent or short vagina. MRKH women are XX females with ovaries but a lack of vaginal, and often uterine development. There may be some overlap with Mullerian (duct) dysgenesis/aplasia and MURCS? We have MRKH members who attend AISSG meetings but you may also be interested in the following:

ROSA Group

A small UK-based MRKH group (no meetings as yet?): Email: rosagroup@yahoo.co.uk.

<http://www.mrkh.net>

MRKH Foundation. Non profit-making foundation that raises international awareness, finances/promotes research into MRKH. Email: info@MRKH.net or DeniseBurson@aol.com.

<http://www.mrkh.org>

MRKH Organisation. Raises public awareness, consults with doctors, and provides information and a place for MRKH women to network about their activities. Email: mrkh1@juno.com.

http://www.surrogacy.com/online_support/mrkh

US-based information and an on-line support group. Email: MRKH-L-team@surrogacy.org

<http://www.execpc.com/~in2bks/>

Index to articles, books etc. on MRKH. List of publications on artificial pregnancy, artificial wombs, fertility drugs and ovarian/uterine cancer as applied to MRKH syndrome.