

This child's sibling died suddenly and without explanation. This category of death is often referred to as Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) in children between the ages of 1 and 18 that remains unexplained after a thorough investigation, including an autopsy.

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## ★ SUDC Facts

- SUDC is a category of death in children between the ages of 1 and 18 that remains unexplained after a thorough investigation, including an autopsy.
- It affects approximately 450+ children aged 1-18 years in the U.S. annually.
- It is most common in toddlers; it is the 5th leading category of death in children ages 1 through 4.
- Current SUDC profile: Predominantly males born at term as singletons; some have association with febrile seizures; most deaths unwitnessed during apparent sleep period; most found prone; minor pathologic autopsy findings are common, but do not explain death.

**WHEN AN OTHERWISE HEALTHY CHILD DIES** and the medical community cannot offer any answers, parents will understandably experience heightened anxiety concerning their surviving and subsequent children. This may lead to increased visits to their pediatricians or emergency rooms for what may otherwise appear to be a mild illness.

Your compassionate approach can play a significant, supportive role to address the unique needs of these grieving families.

Comprehensive guidance on caring for families affected by Sudden Unexplained Death In Childhood (SUDC):



Additional information for medical professionals:

