

# Straightening *small necks*

**New Approaches to Treating Congenital Torticollis  
Offer Excellent Results With Minimal Risk of Complications**

When Steven and Debbie Klein's twin girls, Jessica and Kaitlyn, were born in January 2006, their pediatrician warned them that Jessica might have a problem worth watching. Crowded with her sister in the womb, Jessica's head had been placed at an awkward angle, causing trauma to the neck muscles. While Jessica looked fine to her parents at first, as she grew, it became noticeable that her head was drawn to one side. So when Jessica was 4 months old, her parents decided it was time to seek help.

■ Their search took them through four months of physical therapy and, when that was not as successful as they had hoped, they consulted with a neurosurgeon who then referred Jessica to craniofacial surgeon Fernando Burstein, M.D., at the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Center for Craniofacial Disorders. ■ After a review of her medical records and an evaluation, Dr. Burstein confirmed Jessica was an appropriate candidate for a minimally invasive surgical procedure he had developed and that has helped many children like Jessica.

