Marijuana Use During Pregnancy

1. **One in twenty five women** report smoking marijuana during pregnancy.

2. **MJ infused products** may contain harmful chemicals such as pesticides and neurotoxins, that when ingested during pregnancy could harm the baby.

3. Research shows that using marijuana while pregnant can result in low birth weight, premature birth, and developmental problems in newborns.

4. **THC, the active ingredient in marijuana,** can be passed through breast milk. Marijuana use during pregnancy and lactation can adversely affect neurodevelopment in the child.

5. **Pregnant women who smoke marijuana** have 2.3 more times the risk of stillbirth compared to women who do not use marijuana during pregnancy.

6. **Marijuana use during pregnancy** has subtle effects on brain functioning of newborns such as deficits in regulatory behavior and sleeping, irritability, excitability, increased startle response and tremors.

7. **Prenatal exposure to marijuana** is associated with an increase in maternal anemia, decrease in infant birth weight, and an increase in placement of newborns in neonatal ICU.

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