Opioid Use During Pregnancy



Opioid use during pregnancy is directly related to Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS), a group of conditions caused when babies go through withdrawals from drugs they are exposed to in the womb before birth.



A baby exposed to opioids before birth could experience drug withdrawal after birth.





Average length of stay for a newborn with NAS is 16.9 days (without NAS is 2.1 days).



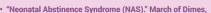
Average cost of hospital stay is \$66,700 (without NAS is \$3,000).



Infants exposed to opioids in utero are more likely to develop acute renal failure and suffer mortality prior to hospital discharge.



7 Substance exposed newborns are more likely to experience abuse or neglect, adverse neurodevelopmental outcomes and re-hospitalization after birth.



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