Opioid Use During Pregnancy

1. **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.

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

3. **Opioid use can cause** babies to be born with low birthweight, increased rates of growth restriction, breathing and feeding problems, Jaundice, Sepsis, seizures, and impaired parent-infant attachment.

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

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

6. 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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Footnotes: