

SYPHILIS

Syphilis is a bacterial, sexually transmitted infection (STI). Syphilis is curable and progression of the disease is preventable, but if left untreated, it can cause cardiovascular and neurological diseases, blindness and can also be transmitted from a pregnant woman to her fetus.

Congenital Syphilis

is syphilis present in a pregnant mother's uterus and is acquired by her baby during birth. Women with untreated or inadequately treated early- or late-stage syphilis occurring within a year or more after infection face a 23 percent chance of an adverse pregnancy.



**SYPHILIS
IF PREGNANT CAN
LEAD TO**

**CONGENITAL
SYPHILIS**

**CHANGE OF AN ADVERSE
PREGNANCY OUTCOME IF LEFT
UNTREATED.**

23%

Untreated congenital syphilis can cause poor pregnancy outcomes, including miscarriages, stillbirths or death in newborns. Some infants with congenital syphilis have symptoms at birth, but many develop symptoms later.



**CHANCE OF A MOTHER PASSING
SYPHILIS ONTO HER UNBORN
BABY IF LEFT UNTESTED.**

80%

DURING THEIR FIRST
PRENATAL VISIT

1ST

THIRD
TRIMESTER

2ND

AT DELIVERY

3RD

**IF YOU ARE
PREGNANT
YOUR DOCTOR IS
REQUIRED TO TEST
YOU ON 3 SEPARATE
OCCASIONS**



TALK

TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR AND ASK ABOUT REGULAR
SYPHILIS TESTING



TEST

GET TESTED AT YOUR 1ST PRENATAL VISIT + 3RD
TRIMESTER AND AT DELIVERY



TREAT

GET TREATED RIGHT AWAY IF DIAGNOSED WITH
SYPHILIS. MAKE SURE YOUR PARTNER IS TREATED, TOO



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