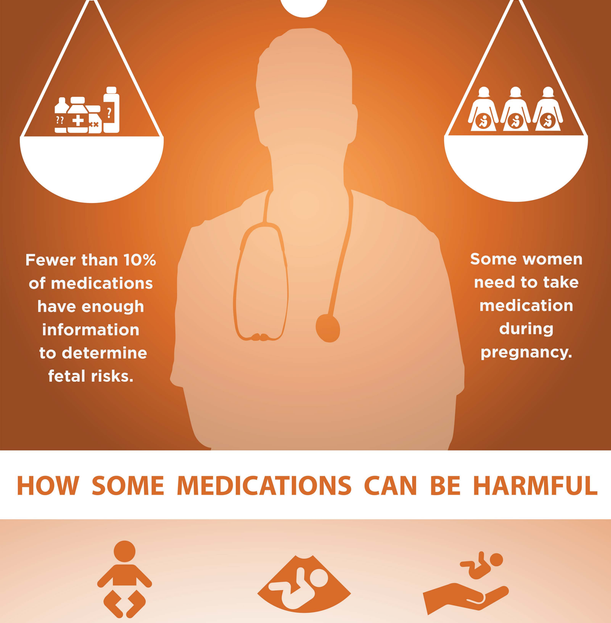
SAFER MEDICATION USE in pregnancy

Is this medication safe for me and my baby?

9 OUT OF **10**
WOMEN
IN THE UNITED STATES TAKE A MEDICATION DURING PREGNANCY

5.4 MILLION PREGNANCIES
ARE EXPOSED TO MEDICATIONS EACH YEAR

Women and healthcare providers DON'T HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION to make INFORMED DECISIONS



Fewer than 10% of medications have enough information to determine fetal risks.

Some women need to take medication during pregnancy.

HOW SOME MEDICATIONS CAN BE HARMFUL

- Birth defects
- Pregnancy loss
- Prematurity
- Infant death
- Developmental disabilities
- Unknown outcomes

BIRTH DEFECTS AND PREMATURITY ALONE COST THE U.S.
$29 BILLION ANNUALLY

Learn more about CDC's prescription for this problem.

TREATING FOR TWO

A national strategy to improve the health of mothers and babies through *safer medication use in pregnancy*

- BETTER RESEARCH
- RELIABLE GUIDANCE
- INFORMED DECISIONS

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