

Zika in Babies in U.S. Territories

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Zika during pregnancy can cause severe health problems in babies, such as birth defects, problems with vision and hearing, seizures, and developmental delays.

We looked at babies born to mothers with Zika during pregnancy in the U.S. territories, as reported to the U.S. Zika Pregnancy and Infant Registry. Among 1,450 babies who were at least one year old and had some follow-up care, about one in seven had health problems possibly caused by Zika. Identifying health problems early can help children get the care and services they need.

Healthcare providers should ask every mother about possible Zika exposure and symptoms during pregnancy, share Zika test results with all those caring for both mother and baby, monitor the health and development of these babies, provide follow-up care and referrals, and report health information about children affected by Zika during pregnancy to their local health department, even if they appear healthy.

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