

Stimulants and Pregnancy

Commonly Misused Stimulants

- Medications used to treat a variety of attention and behavioral disorders. Including those related to sleep, mood, weight and impulse control.
 - Commonly used to treat Attention-deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Narcolepsy and Obesity.
 - Some forms are known as: Adderall*, Vyvanse*, Ritalin*, Adipex*.
- Illicit substances that induce a sense of euphoria and increase activity.
 - Some common forms are: Cocaine, Methamphetamines and Amphetamines.
- Misuse can result in aggression, irritation, hostile behavior and suicidal thoughts or actions.

Effects on Baby	Effects on Mother
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neonatal death • Neonatal seizures • Holes in stomach wall • Exposed abdominal organs • Transverse limb deficiency • Preterm birth • Cardiovascular disorders • Blocked liver bile ducts • Cleft palate • Smaller head circumference • Fetal hypoxia (lack of oxygen) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miscarriage • Uterine Ruptures • Cardiovascular issues • Kidney failure • Preeclampsia • Liver rupture • Placental abruption • Maternal ICU admission • High protein levels in urine • Multiple organ ischemia • Seizures • Death



Facts and Figures

Stimulants are traceable in **human milk**

Cocaine is the leading cause of hospitalizations for substance use in pregnant woman

Meth exposure in the womb has been linked to **depression and anxiety** in children

1 in 1,900 babies born in U.S. suffer from underdeveloped or missing limbs due to stimulant use during pregnancy

Consult with your healthcare provider with any questions or concerns regarding prescription medications if you are or are planning to become pregnant.

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