

No one cares more about your baby

than you.

If you're pregnant, get tested for STDs the first time you see your doctor or midwife—STDs like syphilis do not have symptoms.

STDs (sexually transmitted diseases) can cause life-changing problems for women and their babies. Congenital syphilis, or CS, is a disease that happens when a pregnant woman with syphilis passes the infection onto her baby.

CS can cause miscarriage and stillbirth, or cause a baby to die soon after birth. It causes complications like prematurity or low-birth weight.

Even newborns with CS who look healthy need treatment and care. Infections, seizures, deformed bones, anemia, enlarged liver and spleen, jaundice, blindness and deafness can appear in the first few weeks after birth, while problems like delays in development can happen years later.

Help yourself. Help your baby. Get tested.

Up to 40% of babies born to women with untreated syphilis may be stillborn or die from the infection as a newborn. (CDC)

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Your provider can give you the best advice on testing and treatment.