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What is Cytomegalovirus (CMV)?

Cytomegalovirus (CMV) is the most common congenital infection found in developed countries. Pregnant women who contract CMV can pass the virus onto their unborn baby, which can result in multiple disabilities including: hearing loss, vision loss, poor brain growth, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and, in rare cases, fetal death.

Why Should You Care?

CMV infects about 30,000 babies each year in the U.S. In Utah, this translates to one baby born with CMV every day. Of the babies born with congenital CMV, 1 of every 5 will have permanent disabilities due to the virus. Congenital CMV causes more long-term problems and childhood deaths than Down Syndrome, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, and neural tube defects (see Figure 1, other side).

With your help, we can reduce the number of babies born with CMV.

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