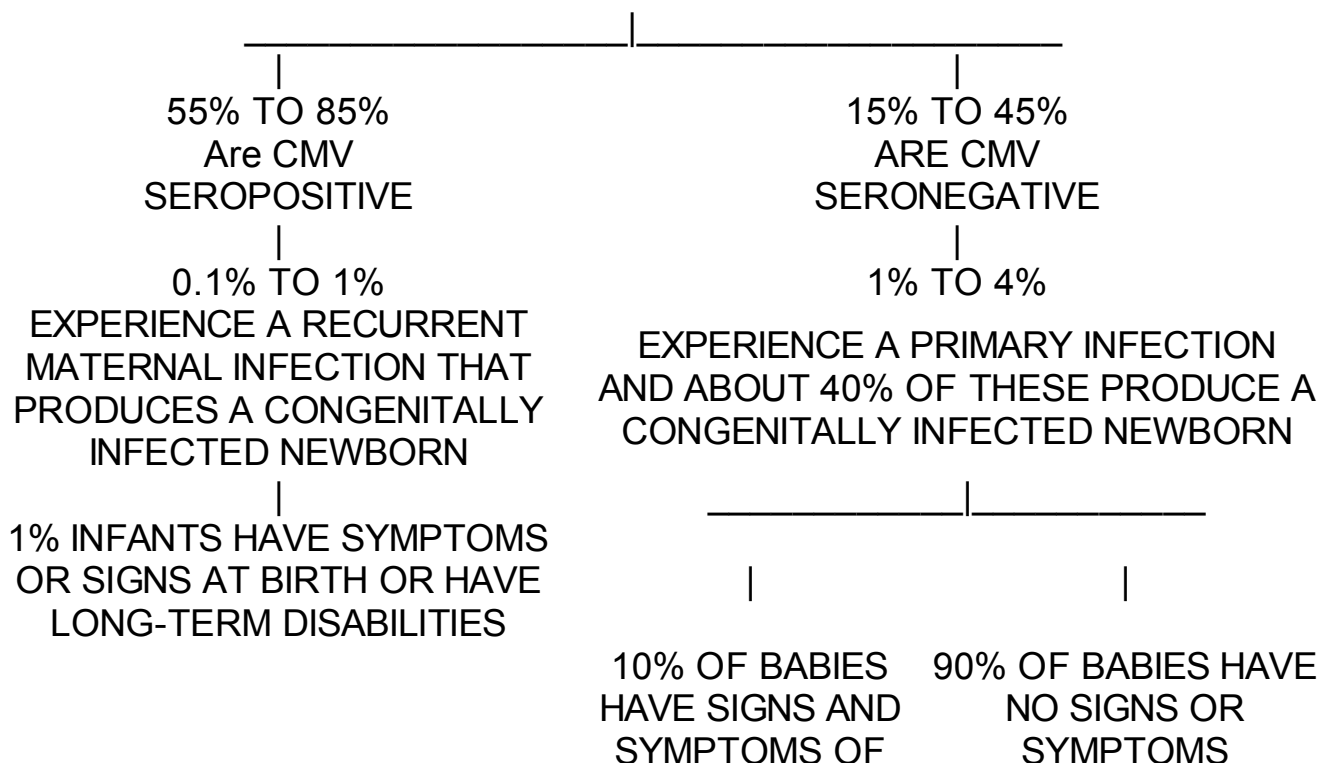


What are the chances my unborn baby has CMV?

The effect of CMV on the unborn baby may be serious when a woman catches the virus for the first time when she is pregnant. Between one percent and four percent of healthy women will catch CMV for the first time while they are pregnant (primary infection). Less than half (about 40 percent) of these women will pass the virus to the fetus and only ten percent of the infected infants will have symptoms or abnormalities at birth.

Almost always less severe are congenital CMV infections caused by a mother's recurrent CMV infection. When a woman previously infected with CMV becomes pregnant, it is possible for her to pass the virus to her unborn child through a recurrent infection. However, less than one percent of pregnant women who had CMV prior to pregnancy may experience a recurrent infection and less than one percent of those recurrent infections will result in a baby being born with problems associated with CMV infection. See the chart below.

PREGNANT WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES



DISEASE AT
BIRTH

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85% TO 90%
HAVE
DISABILITIES

("SILENTLY
INFECTED")

|
10% TO 15% HAVE
HEARING LOSS,
OTHER DISABILITIES