

## How common is CMV in newborns?

CMV is the most common congenital infection that is passed from mother to unborn baby. Of the estimated four million infants born each year in the United States, approximately one percent will be congenitally infected with CMV. Most (90 percent or about 36,000 infants each year) of the congenitally infected infants will be symptom-free; however, the remaining ten percent (about 4,000 infants each year) may have one or multiple abnormalities.