

# CONGENITAL SYPHILIS

Congenital syphilis (CS) is when **syphilis** is transferred from the pregnant person to the fetus during pregnancy or childbirth.

\*Syphilis is a sexually transmitted infection that can be treated and cured with prescribed antibiotics from a healthcare provider.

## How does CS effect the fetus/baby?

CS can cause:

- Miscarriage or Still birth
- Premature birth
- Birth defects

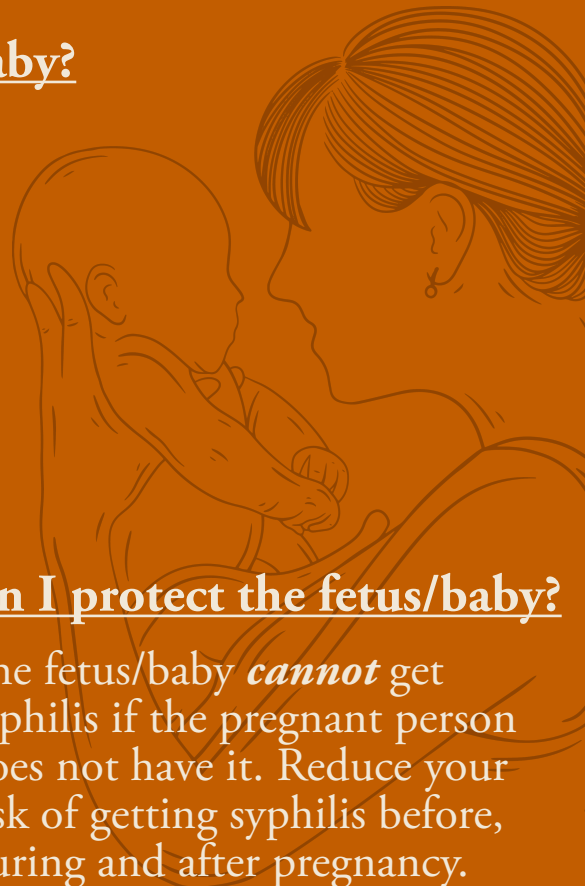
and in some cases CS can cause death shortly after birth.

## How can I protect the fetus/baby?

The fetus/baby **cannot** get syphilis if the pregnant person does not have it. Reduce your risk of getting syphilis before, during and after pregnancy.

- Have a conversation with your healthcare provider about your options.

To prevent CS get tested for syphilis when you find out you are pregnant.



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