

Methamphetamine the impact on fetal and childhood development

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### Abstract

I am researching the maternal use of the teratogen Methamphetamine and its effects on the fetus from conception throughout its' lifespan. Giving that there is an overwhelming number of babies delivered addicted to drugs each year and that methamphetamine use is a problem, I wanted to research the effects of the drug on the growing fetus, what interventions will be needed at birth, and what early interventions will be needed to address emotional, learning, and social and physical disabilities. I feel that becoming a nurse this is information that I will need whether I decide to go into labor and delivery, pediatric ICU, pediatric primary care office, a family practice or a school nurse. I will research the lasting effects of maternal drug use in relationship to learning disabilities in children and what are some ways to help overcome those disabilities. I am planning to research the effects throughout their development in all of Erickson's psychosocial stages and how maternal use has affected normal development.