In pregnancy, 9 out of 10 women in the United States take a medication during pregnancy. 5.4 million pregnancies are exposed to medications each year.

Women and healthcare providers don't have enough information to make informed decisions.

Fewer than 10% of medications have enough information to determine fetal risks. Some women need to take medication during pregnancy.

How some medications can be harmful:
- Birth defects
- Pregnancy loss
- Prematurity
- Infant death
- Developmental disabilities
- Unknown outcomes

Birth defects and prematurity alone cost the U.S. $29 billion annually.

Learn more about CDC's prescription for this problem: Treating for Two.

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