



Zika in Babies in US Territories

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- How is Zika affecting babies?
- Zika virus infection (“Zika”) during pregnancy can cause severe health problems in babies...
- ...Such as birth defects, problems with vision and hearing, seizures, and developmental delays.
- A new CDC report examined the health of 1,450 babies in US territories to mothers who had Zika during pregnancy.
- About 1 in 7 of these babies, who were at least one year old, had one or more health problems possibly caused by Zika.
- Some of these health problems were not apparent at birth. The full range of long-term health problems caused by Zika will remain unknown until these babies mature.
- Identifying health problems early can help babies and children get the care they need.
- Parents and healthcare providers can work together to make sure that each affected baby gets the care he or she needs.
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