Opioids, Pregnancy, and NAS

Can taking opioids during pregnancy lead to neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS)?





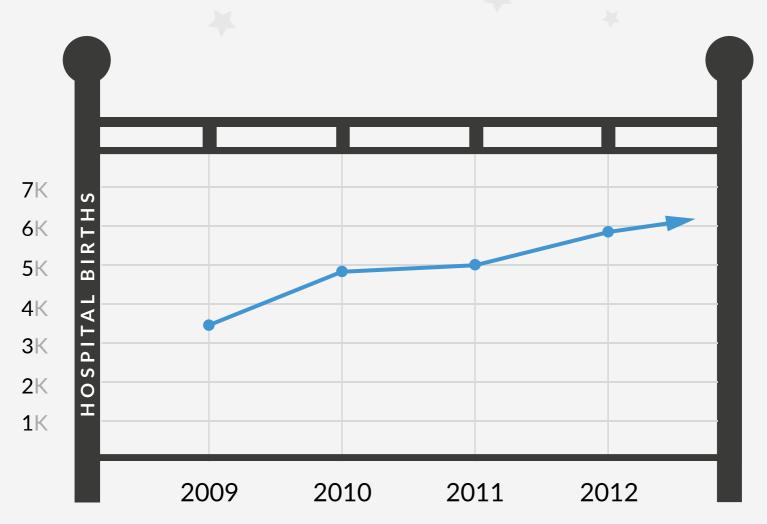
Every hour, a baby is born suffering from opioid withdrawal.





In 2015, 79,000 pregnant women reported using heroin in the past month.





Between 2009 and 2012, NAS-related charges increased from

\$732 million to nearly \$1.5 billion.

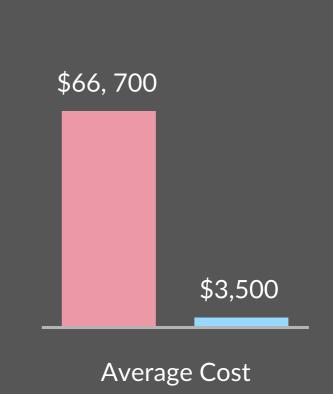
With NAS



Average Hospital Stays for Newborns



Average Length



Without NAS

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