

# Some risks of drinking and drug use during pregnancy

### Withdrawal

(opiates, cocaine, marijuana, amphetamines, alcohol, benzos)

## Fetal alcohol spectrum disorders

(alcohol)

### **Birth defects**

(alcohol, marijuana, cocaine, opiates)

### Low birth weight

(alcohol, marijuana, cocaine, opiates, meth, tobacco)

### Miscarriage

(alcohol, cocaine, tobacco)

### Premature birth

(alcohol, marijuana, cocaine, opiates, meth, tobacco)

### Sudden Infant Death Syndrome

(tobacco)

## Development and behavior problems

(alcohol, marijuana, opiates, meth)



#### Readiness ruler

### Steps of the brief intervention

### Raise the subject

- "Thank you for completing this questionnaire -is it ok with you if we review your results?"
- "Can you tell me more about your past/current drinking or drug use? What does a typical week look like?"

### Provide feedback

- "Sometimes patients who give similar answers on this questionnaire are continuing to use drugs or alcohol during their pregnancy."
- "I recommend to all my pregnant patients not to use any amount of alcohol or drugs, because of the risks shown on the front of this page."

### **Enhance** motivation

- "What do you like and what are you concerned about when it comes to your substance use?"
- "On a scale of 0-10, how ready are you to avoid drinking/using altogether? Why did you pick that number rather than a (lower number)?"

### Negotiate plan

- Summarize conversation. Then: "What steps do you think you can take to reach your goal of having a healthy pregnancy and baby?"
- "I hope we can check in about this next time -can we schedule a date?"

#### **SAMHSA National Helpline**

24/7 hotline that quickly identifies treatment resources for patients experiencing a substance use disorder:

1-800-662-HELP (4357)

### Risk pyramid for assessment of substance use during pregnancy

### HIGH RISK

Current use meets SUD criteria

- Refer to specialized SUD treatment
- Frequent follow-up visits w/provider

#### **MODERATE RISK**

High use in past, including recent treatment;
Stopped use late in pregnancy;
Continued low level of use

- Brief intervention
- Motivational interviewing
- Frequent follow-up visits w/provider

#### LOW RISK

No past or current use; Low level of use stopped prior to or immediately upon known pregnancy

- Brief advice/reinforcement
- Written pamphlet

### **Billing codes**

#### **Screening only**

Commercial & CPT 96160 Medicaid

#### **Screening plus brief intervention**

**Commercial** ≥15 min: CPT 99408

≥30 min: CPT 99409

Medicaid ≥15 min: G0396

≥30 min: G0396

SUD, substance use disorder.

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