

# Infections in Pregnancy:

What's new in congenital CMV and syphilis.



## ABOUT THIS EDUCATION

This Infections in Pregnancy module provides an important update for GPs on congenital cytomegalovirus (CMV) and syphilis, both of which can have devastating consequences for the developing baby.

CMV is the most common congenital infection resulting in childhood disability in Australia, yet less than 20% of Australian GPs are confident in providing advice on CMV in pregnancy<sup>(1)</sup>.

Syphilis notifications in women of childbearing age have quadrupled between 2015 and 2020<sup>(2)</sup>. Untreated syphilis leads to adverse pregnancy outcomes in about 50% of affected pregnancies<sup>(3)(4)</sup>.

All references available at <https://on.praxhub.com/unimelb/infections-in-pregnancy>.

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## LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the completion of this e-learning module, you will be able to:

1. Describe the risks CMV and syphilis pose in pregnancy and potential sequelae of intrauterine CMV or syphilis infection.
2. Identify which patients should receive CMV counselling and syphilis testing prior to and during pregnancy, integrating infection prevention education into routine antenatal care.
3. List the behavioural interventions that reduce risk of CMV acquisition; outline the primary mechanism of patient-to-child transmission of syphilis.
4. Determine when it is appropriate to test for CMV and syphilis and how to order and interpret appropriate serology.
5. Outline when a pregnant patient requires non-GP specialist management for CMV or syphilis infection, and what medical follow up is required for babies affected by CMV or syphilis during pregnancy.

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