Task Force on Research Specific to Pregnant and Lactating Women

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Medication Use in Pregnancy 1976-2008
Mitchell  AJOG 2011;205:51
# Prevalence of Drug Use in Pregnancy (World)

Wyszynski Obstet Med 2016;9:21

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COMMITTEE OPINION SUMMARY

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(Replaces Committee Opinion No. 307, December 2004 and Committee Opinion No. 377, September 2007)

For a comprehensive overview of these recommendations, the full-text version of this Committee Opinion is available at http://dx.doi.org/10.1097/AOG.00000000000001150.

Committee on Ethics

The American Academy of Pediatrics, American Society for Reproductive Medicine, and Society for Maternal–Fetal Medicine endorse this document. This Committee Opinion was developed by the Committee on Ethics of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists as a service to its members and other practicing clinicians. While this document reflects the current viewpoint of the College, it is not intended to dictate an exclusive course of action in all cases. This Committee Opinion was approved by the Committee on Ethics and the Executive Board of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Ethical Considerations for Including Women as Research Participants
• Pregnant women in research trials should be defined as a “scientifically complex” rather than a “vulnerable” population.

• Maternal and fetal risks are deeply interconnected, and consideration of enrolling pregnant women in research requires balancing the risk of fetal harm with the potential for benefit and the importance of the information to be gained on the health of women and fetuses.
Pre-Conception Care

- Family planning and pregnancy spacing
- Immunity and immunization status
- Risk factors for sexually transmitted infections (STIs)
- Substance use, including alcohol, tobacco, and recreational and illicit drugs
- Exposure to violence and intimate partner violence
- Medical, surgical, and psychiatric histories
- **Current medications (prescription and nonprescription)**
- Family history
- Genetic history (both maternal and paternal)
- Nutrition
- Teratogens; environmental and occupational exposures
- Assessment of socioeconomic, educational, and cultural context
First trimester counseling (1)

- Nutrition and weight gain
- Avoidance of food borne infections; Listeria, Toxoplasmosis
- Exercise
- Dental care
- Nausea & vomiting

Guidelines for Perinatal Care  ACOG, AAP 7th Ed 2012
First trimester counseling (2)

› Vitamin & mineral toxicity including Hg and fish intake
› Avoidance of teratogens
› Air travel
› Prenatal diagnosis

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Obstetrical healthcare providers (MDs, CNMs, PAs, NPs, RNs) are under constant pressure to provide an increasingly wider array of healthcare services within the context of obstetrical care, while simultaneously holding the line on, or reducing, healthcare expenses.
Conclusions (2)

• Consequences of this expanded definition of routine obstetrical care include:
  – Rapid expansion of the knowledge base needed to practice obstetrics
  – Decreasing time available to address each of the elements of care
Conclusions (3)

› Internet based resource
› Publicly available
› Reliable
› Current
› Evidence based