

Where do I find information on a medicine or chemical exposure in pregnancy?

1: Check the pregnancy section of toxbase.org for a written UKTIS scientific review (registration required, free to NHS HCPs)

Corresponding patient leaflets available at medicinesinpregnancy.org

2: Telephone UKTIS on 0344 892 0909 for patient specific advice (urgent enquiries only after 5pm)

How can I support national surveillance?

Download and complete a reporting form (HCPs only) www.uktis.org

Please encourage patients to self report via www.medicinesinpregnancy.org

UKTIS data collection and processing is covered by Section 251 of the NHS Act 2006 (originally enacted under Section 60 of the Health and Social Care Act 2001) which means that patient consent is not required. However, health professionals are asked, where possible, to ensure that the women involved are aware that their personal information is being reviewed and that they are happy for it to be used in this way.

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**Drug & chemical exposure during pregnancy
*Information for healthcare professionals
and patients***



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bumps
best use of medicines
in pregnancy

UK Teratology Information Service (UKTIS)

UKTIS is a national service commissioned by Public Health England on behalf of UK Health Departments to:

- Provide evidence based information and management advice to HCPs on all aspects of drug and chemical exposure in pregnancy.
- Undertake national surveillance by following-up pregnancy outcomes for exposures reported to UKTIS
- Improve information available to women and their families on medicine use in pregnancy



Testimonials

'I have used a lot of your leaflets for patients, they are very helpful to support conversations about drugs in pregnancy. Great site and extremely beneficial to patient care. The more you do, the better!' (HCP)

Good service, useful advice at time of calling allowing counselling of patient and risk stratification. (HCP)

Super service and immediate response - super for patient and doctor. (HCP)

'Wish I had read bumps when I was pregnant, it is really good to have the available evidence to hand' (Member of the public)

Information required when contacting the UKTIS advice line for HCPs

In order to provide a risk assessment and/or advice for a pregnant woman and her baby, UKTIS require the following information:

Maternal details

- ✓ Name, date of birth and NHS number
- ✓ LMP and EDD
- ✓ Maternal medical history and any medications taken
- ✓ Obstetric history (how many previous pregnancies, any history of miscarriage or malformations)
- ✓ Family history
- ✓ Details of midwife / GP / other relevant healthcare professional (to enable follow-up of pregnancy outcome for surveillance)

For therapeutic enquiries

- ✓ Indication for treatment
- ✓ Treatment given or proposed (drug, dose, route, duration of treatment if known, stage of pregnancy at exposure)
- ✓ Previous treatments and efficacy

For overdose and chemical exposures

- ✓ Agent(s) involved (including route of exposure and estimated dose)
- ✓ Date, time and duration of exposure
- ✓ Maternal symptoms and treatment received
- ✓ Results of relevant investigations and fetal monitoring