

## Common Questions:

**Are prescription medications harmful to the fetus' normal development?**

**Does high blood pressure or its treatment increase the risk to the fetus?**

**Can drinking alcohol or smoking cigarettes during pregnancy harm a fetus?**

**Could chemicals in the home or workplace harm a fetus?**

**Will chickenpox during pregnancy affect a fetus?**

# *Pregnancy Risk Network* of New York State

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[www.pregnancyrisknetwork.org](http://www.pregnancyrisknetwork.org)

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## *New York State Pregnancy Risk Network*

Improving pregnancy outcomes through information and research



**Comprehensive information** regarding exposures to medications, maternal illness, drugs and other agents during pregnancy.

**Toll-Free in New York State**

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## Pregnancy Risk Network (PRN) is.....

A free telephone service that provides information about the possible effects of medications, maternal illness, drugs and other exposures on the developing fetus. The PRN is available to pregnant women, women planning pregnancies and their health care providers.



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### Education

The primary goal of the PRN is to educate through telephone information, community presentations, and written literature. Staff members are dedicated to encouraging healthy habits during pregnancy in an effort to improve birth outcomes.

### Research

The PRN participates in multi-center research projects to increase the body of clinical or human information available to women and health care providers. PRN research projects include pregnant participants who have been exposed to the agent or illness we are studying as well as those women who are not exposed. For more information or to enroll in any of our studies, please call 1-800-724-2454. Your participation will help women and their babies tomorrow!

### Confidentiality

All communications and caller information is kept strictly confidential. A summary of the information you are provided will be furnished upon request.

### When you call the Pregnancy Risk Network you will be asked...

- The exact name of the medication or agent you have been exposed to
- The date on which you were exposed
- The first date of your last menstrual period

### The Pregnancy Risk Network will...

- Provide information about what the known effects are of an exposure on a developing fetus
- Refer you to an appropriate agency on an as-needed basis
- Offer you an examination of your baby by a physician specially trained in the evaluation of exposures during pregnancy

