



When a woman passes syphilis to her unborn baby, it is called

# CONGENITAL SYPHILIS.



Talk to your healthcare provider about syphilis testing in the 1st **and** 3rd trimester **and** at delivery.



## DID YOU KNOW?

- People often have no signs or symptoms of syphilis.
- **Congenital Syphilis increased 63.5% from 2020 to 2021 and 29.4% from 2021 to 2022 in Oklahoma.**
- Syphilis testing and treatment are available at local county health departments.

## CONGENITAL SYPHILIS

can cause stillbirth and, for babies born with congenital syphilis, can cause:

- Blindness
- Hearing Loss
- Large Liver / Spleen
- Severe Anemia
- Bone Malformations
- Death



The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) urges healthcare providers to test patients during the first and third trimesters and at delivery.



A woman can be treated and cured for syphilis during pregnancy, but it is important to be tested in time for treatment to be effective.



A baby born with congenital syphilis may not have symptoms, but without treatment, the baby may develop serious problems.



For more information about Congenital Syphilis, contact OSDH Sexual Health & Harm Reduction Service:

(405)-426-8400

SHHRFax@health.ok.gov



OKLAHOMA State Department of Health

For more information about Congenital Syphilis testing, contact your local County Health Department:

[www.oklahoma.gov/health](http://www.oklahoma.gov/health)





# Provider information for **CONGENITAL SYPHILIS**

**Oklahoma State Statute §63-1-515 (2023):**

Oklahoma healthcare providers shall follow current CDC guidance for syphilis testing during pregnancy.



## **CURRENT CDC GUIDANCE**

**In areas with high syphilis morbidity**, or is at increased risk (e.g., misuses drugs, has an STI, multiple sex partners, a new sex partner, or a sex partner with an STI) pregnant women should be tested

- at the first prenatal visit.
- at 28 weeks gestation.
- at delivery.



<https://www.cdc.gov/std/treatment-guidelines/screening-recommendations.htm>



Oklahoma ranked 6th in the nation for rate of reported congenital syphilis cases in 2021. The rate was almost twice the national rate.



Add additional questions below to ask your healthcare provider at your next visit.

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Will you do, or have you done, 1st trimester syphilis testing?

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When will you do 3rd trimester syphilis testing?

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