

# Episode 14: 5 Tips for Birth Defects Prevention: Part 1

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Chris Stallman, a certified genetic counselor, teratogen information specialist and mother of three (soon four), talks with two experts and new moms from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention about the five tips for preventing birth defects, which includes taking enough folic acid every day, booking a visit with your healthcare provider before stopping or starting any medicine, and getting up to date with all vaccines, including the flu shot. The tips are part of the theme for January's National Birth Defects Prevention Month.

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What can a pregnant or breastfeeding woman take to control her mental illness? What happens if she leaves her mental illness untreated? What are the risks to her developing baby? Host Chris Stallman, a certified genetic counselor and mother, helps provide answers in a Maternal Mental Health Month special edition episode featuring Dee Quinn, also a certified genetic counselor, as well as a teratogen information specialist with a psychiatric nursing background. Also, this episode features special guests from [Keepemcookin.com](http://Keepemcookin.com) and [SpeakingforMomsandBabies.com](http://SpeakingforMomsandBabies.com).

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