

# Episode 11: Adoption and Exposures: What to Ask

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What questions should you ask during the adoption process when it comes to medications, alcohol, illicit drugs and other exposures the baby might have had during his or her birth mother's pregnancy? Our MotherToBaby teratogen information specialists from MotherToBaby California and MotherToBaby North Texas who also have first-hand experience with adoption join host Chris Stallman, a certified genetic counselor, teratogen information specialist and mother of three, to answer the public's questions.

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What passes on to the baby if a mother drinks alcohol or takes opioids during her pregnancy? Are there underlying reasons that could affect the child? Sarah Obican, MD, a maternal-fetal high-risk pregnancy subspecialist from MotherToBaby's Florida affiliate at the University of South Florida in Tampa continues the second part of this important conversation with host Chris Stallman, CGC. Together, they answer one caller's questions about a possible adoption that may have been exposed to alcohol and opioids.

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