

CMV: the common infection that devastates lives

CMV or cytomegalovirus (si-to-MEG-alo-vi-rus) is a common virus that is harmless to most people but can be dangerous to unborn babies.

CMV infection before birth is known as congenital CMV. This happens when a mother is infected with CMV and passes it through to her unborn baby.



2 to 3
babies
every
day



will be damaged by CMV

That's almost
1000 babies
every year
in the UK

CMV is the leading cause of birth defects in the UK and yet few people will have even heard of it.

CMV

1000 born
per year



Listeriosis

30 born
per year



Toxoplasmosis

25 born
per year



1 in 5

children born with
the virus will develop
permanent problems
due to CMV

Possible Disabilities:



Motor



Learning



Physical



Visual

CMV infection is
responsible for around
25% of childhood
hearing loss

CMV is spread through bodily fluids,
especially by small children



A lot of small children catch CMV, especially those who attend nurseries. **Women who work with children or who have a family already need to be especially careful during pregnancy**

Risk of catching CMV can be reduced
by simple hygiene precautions

DON'T SHARE



WASH WITH CARE



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