

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

"DID YOU KNOW?"

Did you know that Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS):

- Is the leading cause of preventable intellectual disability,
- Is seen in 1-3 of every 1000 live births,
- Causes growth retardation prior to the baby leaving the womb,
- Causes identifiable physical features, and
- Can cause long-term developmental & behavioral problems.

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) or Fetal Alcohol Effects (FAE)

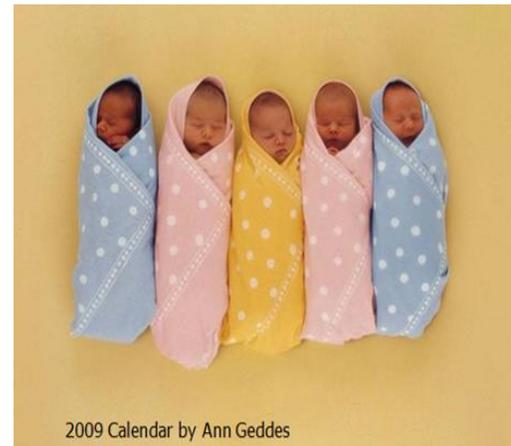
PRACTICE TIP:

Fetal Alcohol Effects (FAE) includes a diagnosis of Partial FAS (pFAS), Alcohol Related Neurodevelopmental Disorder (ARND) or Alcohol Related Birth Defects (ARBD).

If you see one of those three diagnoses in the medical documentation, consider the diagnosis to be equivalent to FAE for substantiation purposes.

The following **three elements** must be present to prove neglect involving FAS or FAE:

1. A **diagnosis** by a health professional of **FAS or FAE**;
2. The diagnosis must be of a **child under one year of age**; and
3. **The diagnosis must be supported by clinical findings indicating FAS or FAE.**



Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) An increased risk of SIDS has been described with all drugs of abuse, including nicotine, alcohol, and marijuana. **SIDS Prevention** is the key:

- Always have the infant sleep on their back, unless they are having supervised “tummy time”
- Avoid overheating the infant and dress the infant appropriately
- Avoid second hand smoke exposure
- Keep infant off of soft surfaces such as pillows, blankets, and mattresses
- Do not have the baby sleep in the same bed as the adult(s)