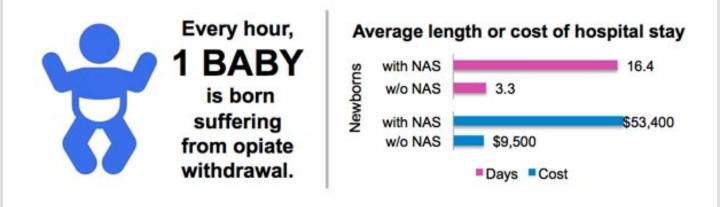
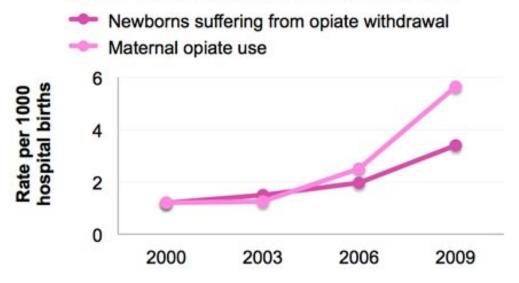
Maternal opiate use and newborns suffering from opiate withdrawal are on the rise in the U.S., according to a new study

The use of opiates during pregnancy can result in a drug withdrawal syndrome in newborns called neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS), which causes lengthy and costly hospital stays. According to a new study, an estimated 13,539 babies were born with this syndrome in the United States in 2009, a significant increase since 2000.







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