

Draft NTP Monograph on Developmental Effects and Pregnancy Outcomes Associated with Cancer Chemotherapy Use during Pregnancy

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- Of the few studies conducted, normal growth and development have been observed in offspring gestationally-exposed to cancer chemotherapy
 - Findings from two research groups:
 - Normal physical, hematological, neurological, psychological and cardiac studies were normal; no evidence of cancer; 12 children have been born to these offspring (n=50 ages ranging from 8 to 32 years; Aviles 2012)
 - Normal behavior, health, hearing and growth; normal cardiac functions and dimensions (n=70, tested at aged 18 months to 18 years; Amant 2012)
 - Found small but significant differences in the shortening and ejection fraction; children scoring low on IQ were preterm
- There is a need for larger, longer-term studies with more comprehensive health assessments



Charge Questions for Long-term Evaluations of Growth and Development

- Please comment on whether the scientific information in the text is technically correct, clearly stated, and objectively presented. Please identify any needed improvements.
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