



Steroids are **beneficial** to babies if delivery occurs between **1-7 days** after administration (less respiratory distress syndrome and intra-ventricular haemorrhage)

Every year over

8,500

women in the UK give birth very early because of complications with their pregnancy.



Even just **one** course, **after 7 days**, does **harm** (lower birth weight, head circumference and weight)

We must time steroids appropriately

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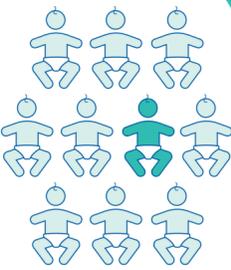
1 in 20

risk of **neonatal death** if born in non-tertiary centre

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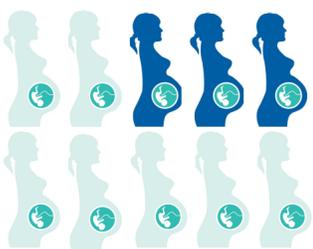
1 in 10

babies of very low birth weight develop a form of cerebral palsy.



Use of magnesium sulphate in preterm labour reduces the risk of cerebral palsy by

30%



70%

Of women presenting with symptoms of threatened preterm labour give birth at term

**VALIDATED
RELIABLE
COULD REDUCE INAPPROPRIATE
ADMISSIONS BY 89% (COMPARED
TO NICE CURRENT 'TREAT ALL'
GUIDANCE)
HELPS CLINICIANS DETERMINE
WHO NEEDS ADMISSION,
TRANSFER, STEROIDS ETC
GIVING THE RIGHT TREATMENT
TO THE RIGHT WOMEN**