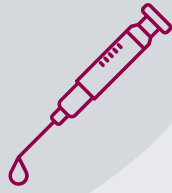


Steroids are **beneficial** to babies if delivery occurs between **1-7 days** after administration (less respiratory distress syndrome and intraventricular haemorrhage).

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



We must time steroids appropriately



1 in 20 risk of **neonatal death** if born in non-tertiary centre



Every year over **60,000** babies are born prematurely in the UK.

About **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 and 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**