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Congenital Syphilis

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Source

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A life-threatening bacterial infection of the newborn caused by *Treponema pallidum*. It is transmitted to the infant from a mother with syphilis through the placenta during pregnancy. Signs and symptoms include irritability, fever, failure to thrive, saddle nose, cutaneous rash, and pneumonia.