



# Information for mothers who have experienced or are experiencing problems with an overactive thyroid

**This leaflet is for pregnant women who have experienced or are experiencing thyroid problems during their pregnancy. It explains what symptoms to look out for in your baby after birth.**

## Background

Thyroid problems due to an overactive thyroid gland can sometimes affect your baby, although this is rare. Therefore, we would like you to check your baby for the first 14 days of life and contact your GP or midwife if the following symptoms occur (within 24 hours):

- Always seems irritable and shaky.
- Never sleeps.
- Does not put on weight despite feeding all the time.
- Has persistent diarrhoea.
- Always looks flushed (red).
- Eyes look very swollen.
- Has jaundice (yellow skin).

If you are at all concerned, please inform your GP or midwife so that your baby can be seen and examined.

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**Please ask if you need this information in another language or format.**

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