

# What if my baby is going through withdrawal?

*“Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome is where babies are withdrawing from opiate medications. In some cases, they will be withdrawing from medications that the doctors have prescribed, such as if they've been on a ventilator or had surgery and required pain medicine for a long period of time. And in some cases, they will be withdrawing from medications that mother has taken, which is often because mother was prescribed pain medications for a chronic condition she has. So, the nurses do abstinence scoring on the babies to determine their level of uncomfortableness during the withdrawal process. And if the number reaches a certain level then the babies will be given medicine to make them comfortable as they go through the withdrawal process.”*