Conclusion In selected families, IHBW reduces hospital stay in managing NAS, without increasing morphine dose. Concerns regarding infant welfare limit the number of infants suitable for this management pathway.

Background and Aims Neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) often presents in the first 72 hours of life. Observation of at-risk infants is important to ensure prompt treatment if necessary. In 1998 at this hospital, 90% of infants requiring treatment for NAS commenced in the first week after birth. We aimed to describe the commencement of treatment for infants with NAS in the last decade.

Methods We undertook a retrospective review of babies treated pharmacologically for NAS during 2001–2010 at The Royal Women’s Hospital, Melbourne. Our guidelines recommend 7 days postnatal observation for infants at risk of NAS. Infants were admitted to the neonatal unit if they were felt to require treatment or had other neonatal complications.

Results 165 infants were treated for NAS; 85% and 8% of the mothers were hepatitis C and B positive respectively. In-utero substance exposure included opioids (97%), cannabis (29%) and benzodiazepines (25%). Over 90% of infants were treated by day 7 of life, most of whom had been admitted by day 5 (Figure). There were no differences in the age of treatment if the infant was exposed to opioids alone or multiple classes of drugs in utero.

Conclusion In the last decade, the timing of first medication for NAS is unchanged. Infants of chemically dependent mothers require a minimum of 7 days of in-patient observation.

Background and Aims In SCCI, Noyola’s neuroimaging prognostic categorization is restricted to destructive abnormalities.

Objective To ascertain the predictive ability of a classification including destructive, developmental abnormalities and white matter signal changes on MRI.


Design Prospective observational. Neuroimaging (US, CT and/or MRI) findings were graded by Noyola’s and our scoring system (Table).

Abstract 1055 Table 1 Classification of neuroimaging

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<th>Score</th>
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<td>Extensive calcifications and/or brain atrophy</td>
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Conclusions In SCCI, a comprehensive neuroimaging analysis including destructive and developmental abnormalities is highly predictive of neurodevelopmental outcome.

Background and Aim The prenatal diagnosis of posterior fossa dysgenesis remains challenging.

Mega-cisterna magna (MCM) is applied to prominence of the retro-cerebellar CSF space and may not be associated with abnormalities. The clinical significance of this finding varies. Diagnostic modalities of the MCM are by ultrasound and or MRI.

Our aim is to:
- Determine the Incidence of isolated dilated MCM in our population.
- Compare the accuracy of fetal ultrasound with postnatal neuroimaging.
- Report the associated central nervous system anomalies.

Method We identified retrospectively all reported cases of isolated dilated cisterna magna from 1/January 2007 till 31/7/2011.