SAFETY AND QUALITY COMMITTEE

Parvovirus in pregnancy

Following a recent report of an avoidable death of a baby following maternal exposure to parvovirus, the RCOG wishes to raise awareness of the effects of viral infections acquired during pregnancy on both the mother and the fetus.

Current information and guidance to help raise awareness among those providing maternity care and, where appropriate, among women and their families can be obtained from the following sources:

http://www.hpa.org.uk/webc/HPAwebFile/HPAweb_C/1294740918985

http://www.cks.nhs.uk/parvovirus_b19_infection/management/scenario_pregnant_women/view_full_scenario_no_prescriptions#

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