



Things To Know About **WHOOPING COUGH** in Pregnancy



A bacterial infection causes whooping cough (also called pertussis) and is characterized by a cough with a “whoop” sound.

Whooping cough in pregnancy is treatable through prescribed antibiotics.



The infection can be prevented by receiving the Tdap vaccine during pregnancy.

Tdap vaccination transfers passive immunity to the fetus, protecting the newborn from the infection at birth.



Maternal Tdap vaccination reduces the risk of whooping cough in newborns by about 78%.

The CDC recommends a Tdap vaccine in the third trimester of each pregnancy.



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