

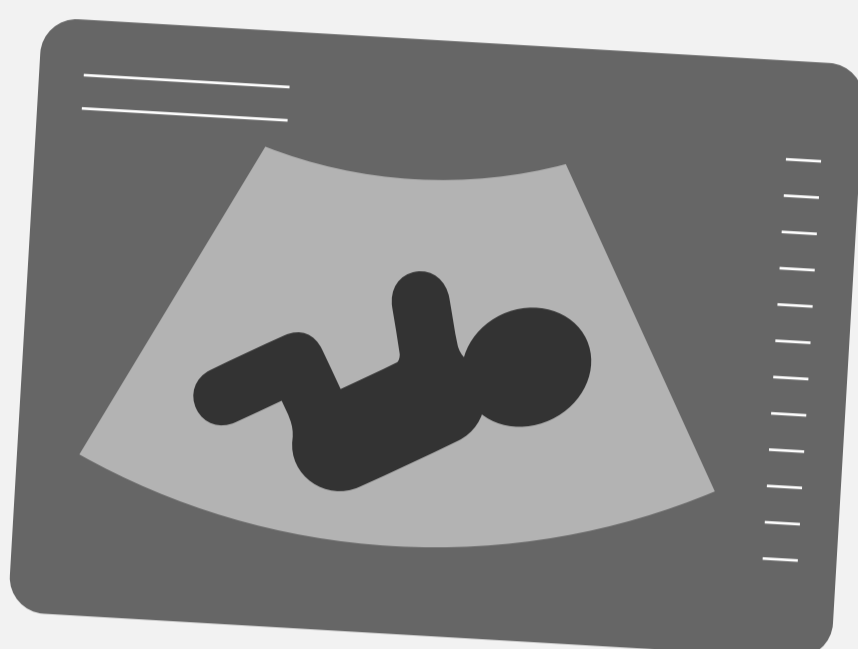


# What Should You Know About Failure to Diagnose & Birth Defects?

**Failure to diagnose: A physician's failure to properly diagnose a condition that could have been treated.**

## Did you know:

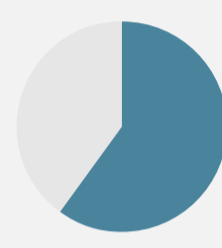
Ultrasounds are **not 100% reliable** for detecting birth defects.



Studies show **early ultrasounds** are able to **detect fetal anomalies** in only:



**30%**  
of low-risk pregnancies



**60%**  
of high-risk pregnancies

**When the tests aren't offered, or the results are misread, this can result in failure to diagnose.**



Only a Maternal-Fetal Medicine (MFM) specialist is an OB/GYN with specialized training in obstetric ultrasound.

**Without access or a referral to a MFM, birth defects may go undetected.**



**3% - 5%**  
pregnancies complicated by **birth defects or genetic disorders**



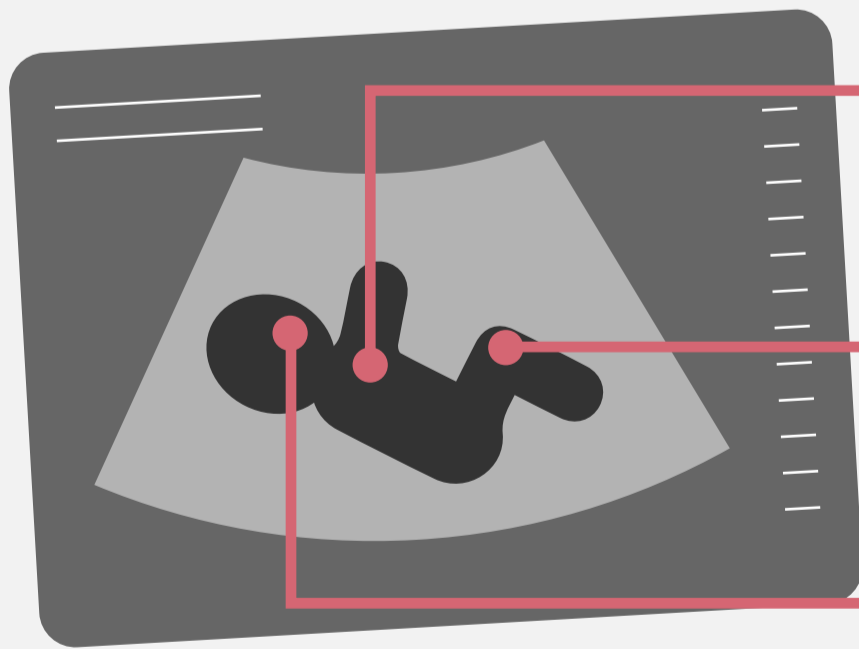
**120,000**  
babies are **born with birth defects** in the U.S. every year



**20%**  
of **infant deaths** are caused by **birth defects**



**The most common birth defects that can be detected through prenatal screening:**



Congenital heart defects  
**(1 in 110)**

Sickle-cell disease  
**(1 in 625)**

Cleft lip  
**(1 in 700)**

**Failure to diagnose during prenatal care is considered medical malpractice. If your OB/GYN or primary care physician failed to order appropriate screening tests or misread test results, you may have a medical negligence case against the provider.**



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