

What problems are associated with a "silent" CMV infection?

The majority of infants born with congenital CMV infection have a "silent" or symptom-free infection. Because these infants have no symptoms or abnormalities due to CMV at birth, the infection often goes unnoticed and undocumented. Unfortunately, they do not go totally unharmed by the CMV infection. Between 10-15 percent of all children born "silently infected" with CMV will develop varying degrees of hearing loss shortly after birth or during childhood. It is possible these children also may rarely experience vision problems or developmental and learning differences.