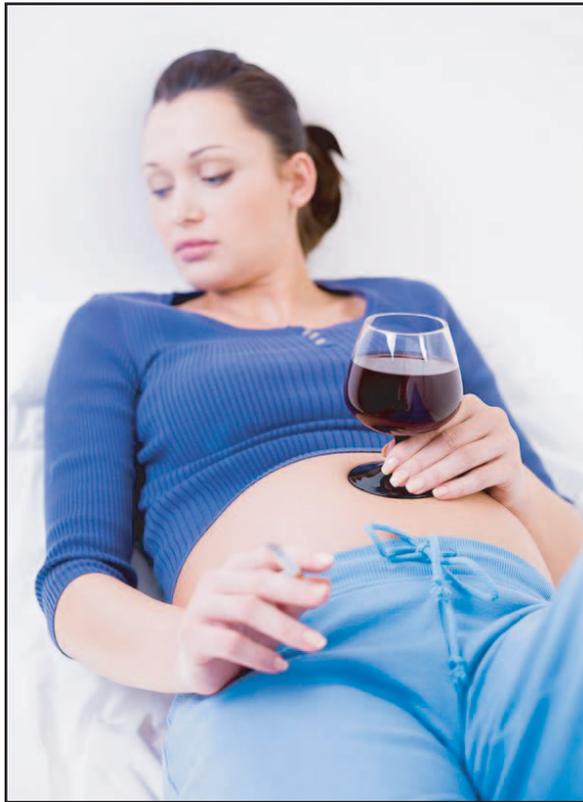


## ALCOHOL & PREGNANCY

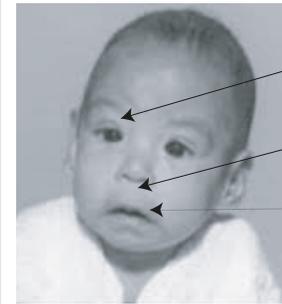


As well as causing fertility problems whilst trying to conceive, excessive alcohol consumption during pregnancy can be harmful to unborn babies. This is because alcohol passes from the mother's bloodstream to the baby via the umbilical chord and placenta. In the first three months of pregnancy excessive alcohol consumption can cause miscarriage.

## FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME

Continued alcohol misuse during pregnancy can harm the baby's development causing premature birth, low birth weight and Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (F.A.S.) where the physical and mental well-being of the child is affected. Children with F.A.S. exhibit certain physical characteristics including small eye openings, under developed upper/outer ear crease, a smooth philtrum and a thin upper lip and 'hocky-stick' palm crease.

### Baby with F.A.S. Facial Characteristics



Small eye openings

Smooth philtrum

Thin upper lip

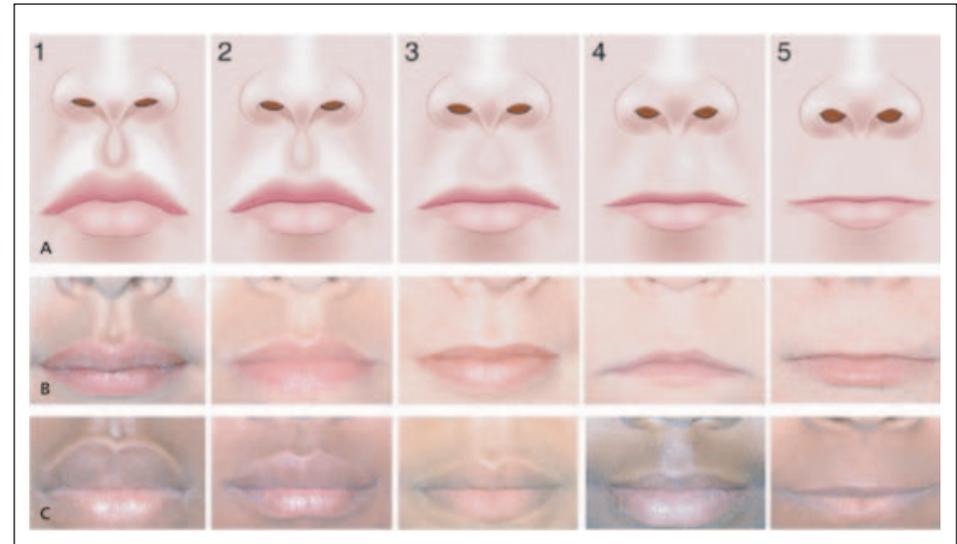


Baby exhibiting Fetal Alcohol Syndrome facial characteristics.

Under developed upper/outer ear crease.



'Hocky-stick' palm crease.



NORMAL PHILTRUM..... F.A.S. PHILTRUM