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# Neonatal listeriosis

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Infections are frequent and important causes of morbidity and mortality in neonatal period. As many as 2% of fetuses are infected in utero and up to 10% of infants are infected during delivery or first month of life. Inflammatory lesions are found in about 25% of newborn infants. The most common organisms causing neonatal septicemia are *Escherichia coli* and group B streptococci, *Haemophilus influenzae*, and *Listeria monocytogenes*. *Listeria monocytogenes* which we try to determine its incidence occurrence, in neonatal period is one of the important causes of neonatal septicemia in early period. *Listeria monocytogenes* was reported as the third cause of neonatal sepsis.