

Characterizing novel industrial chemical exposures during critical periods of development

Opportunities within the Environmental influences on Child Health Outcomes (ECHO) Program

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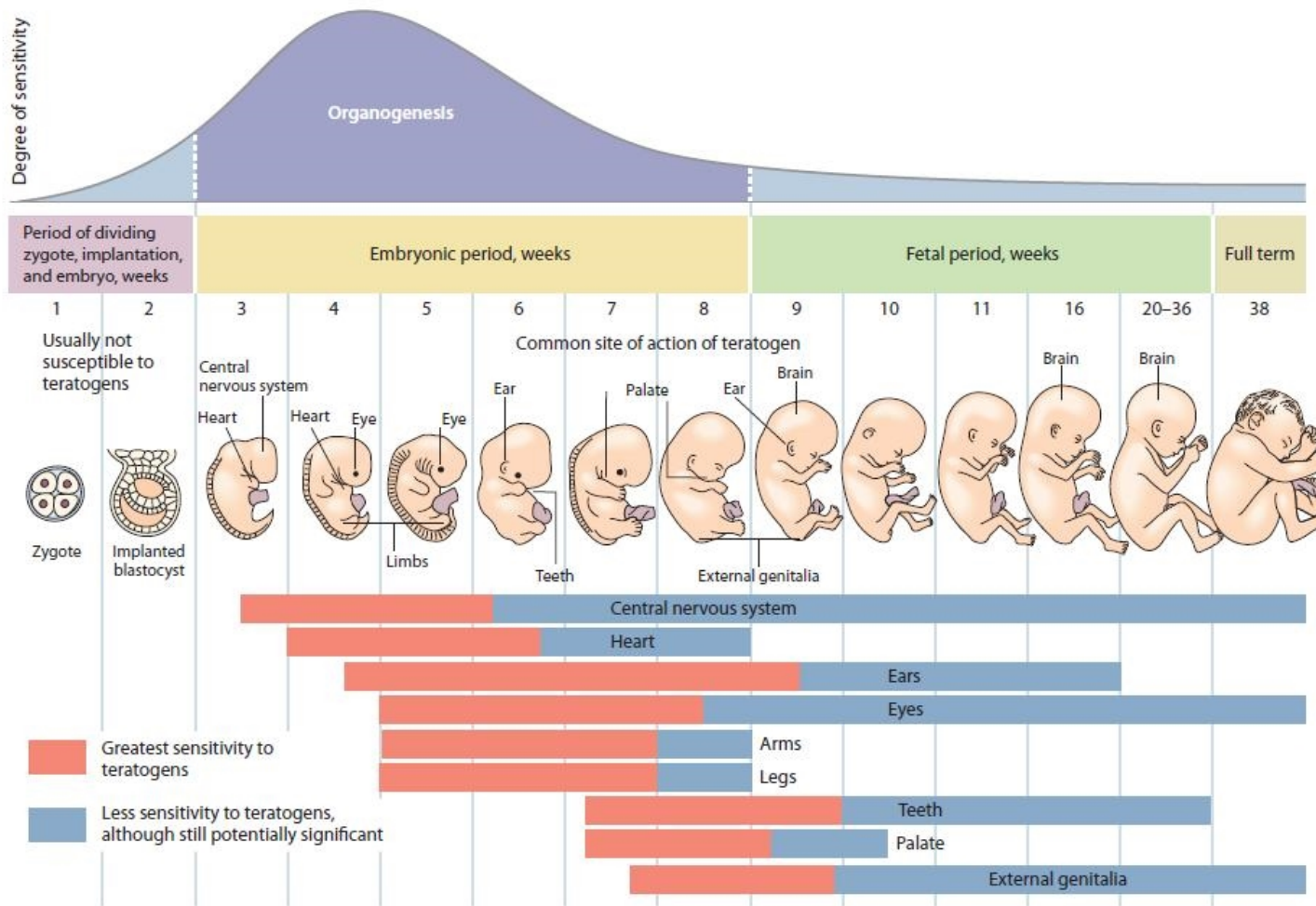
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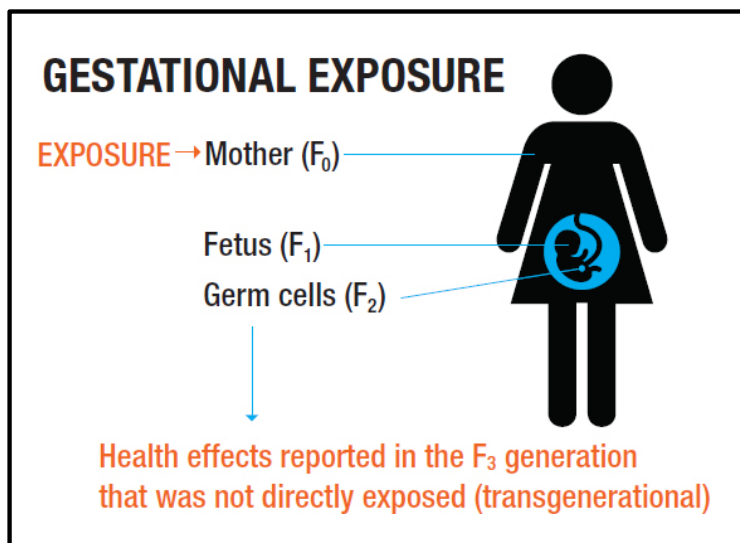
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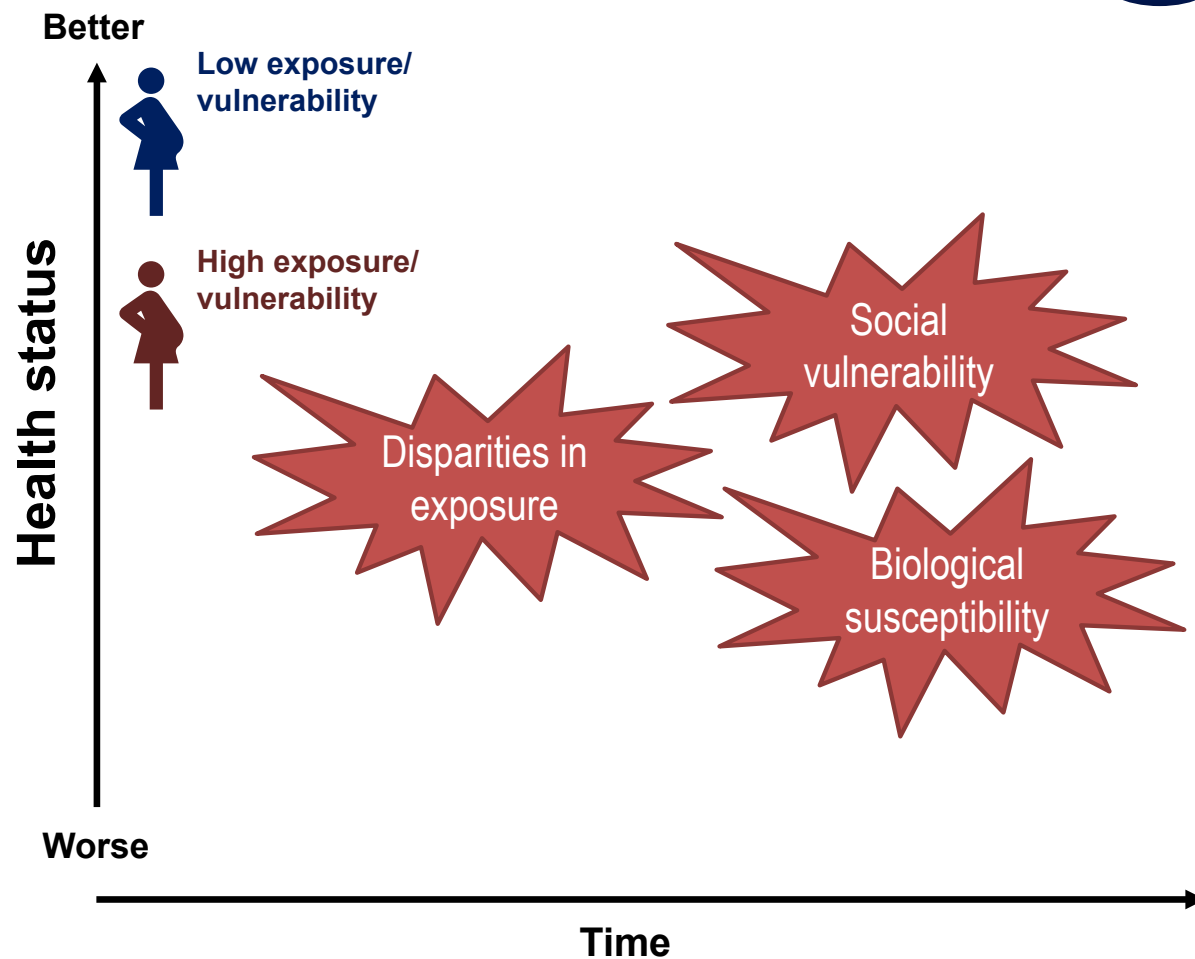
Critical periods of development



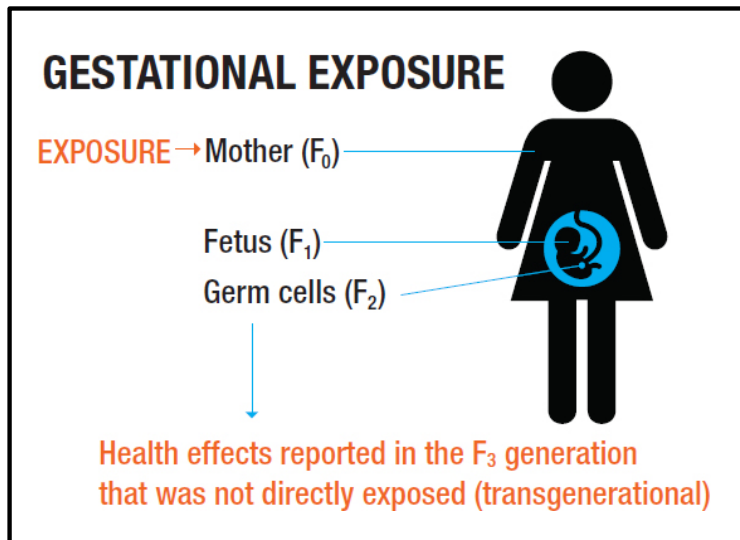
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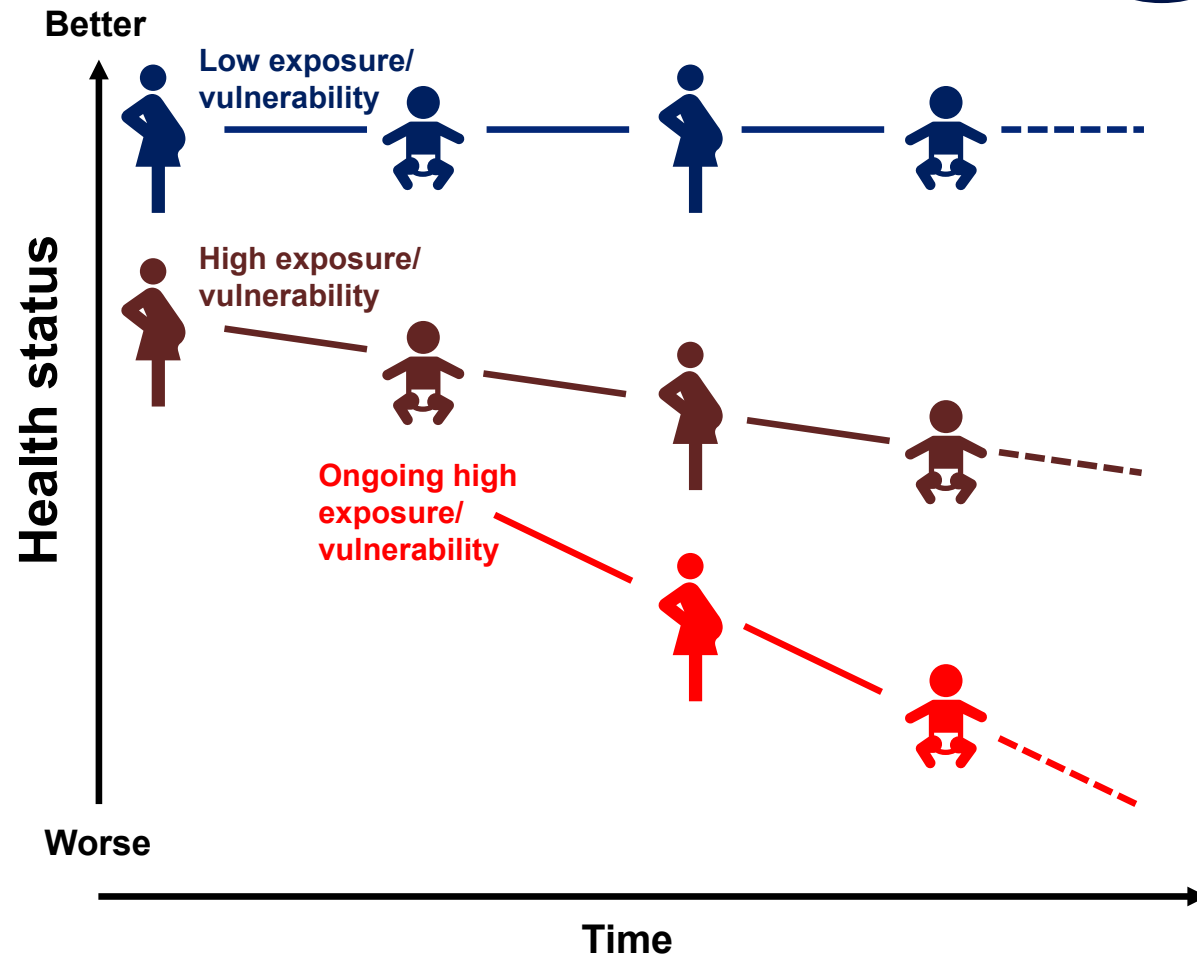
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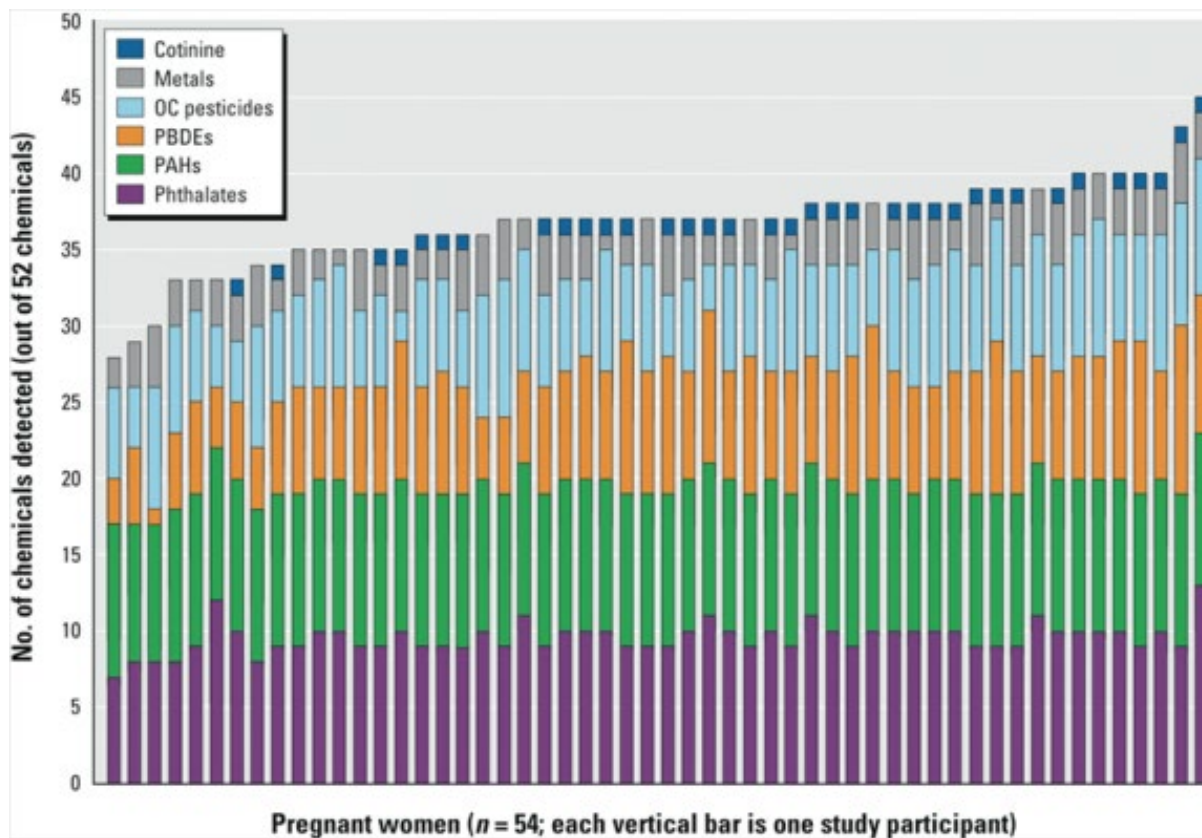
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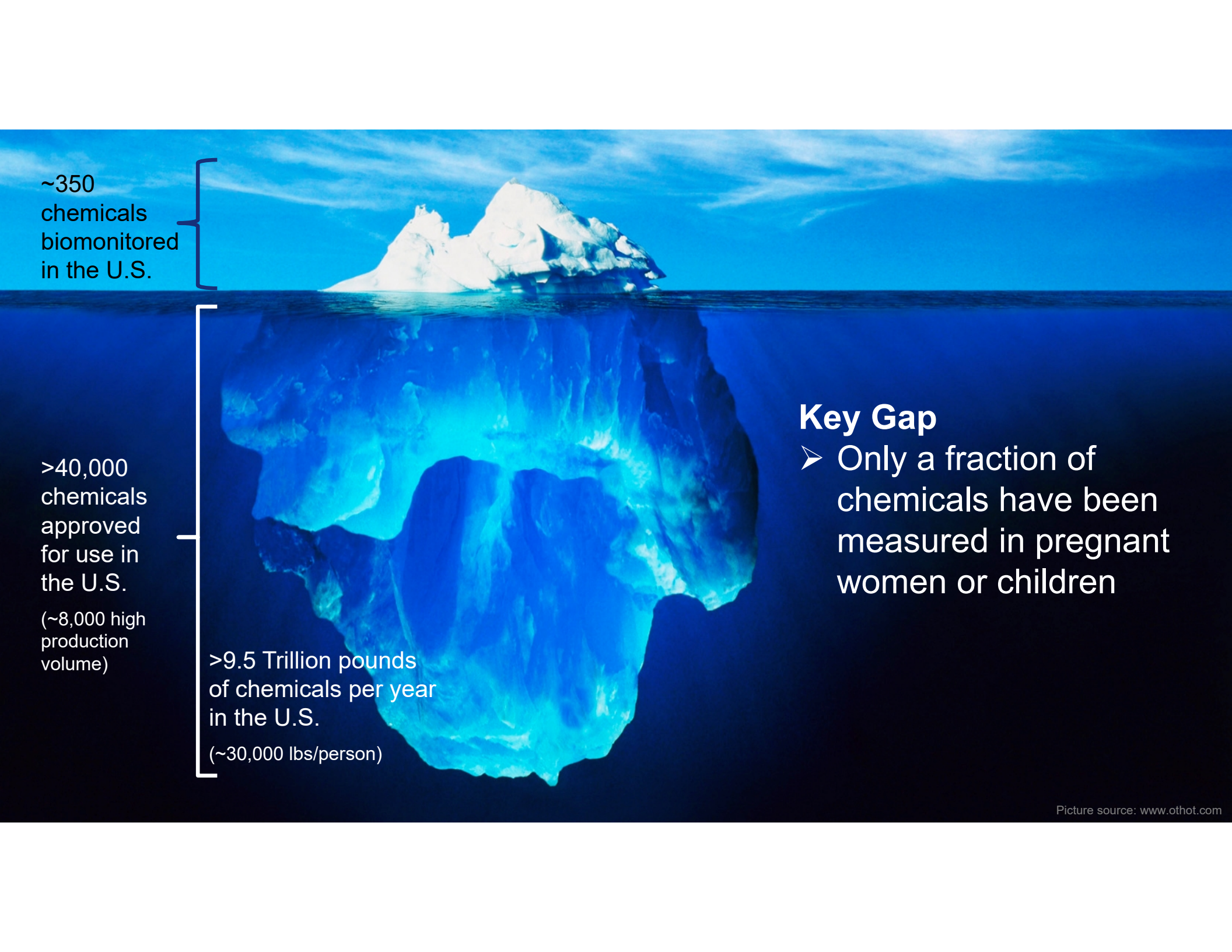


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Chemicals are found in virtually all U.S. pregnant women





~350
chemicals
biomonitored
in the U.S.

>40,000
chemicals
approved
for use in
the U.S.
(~8,000 high
production
volume)

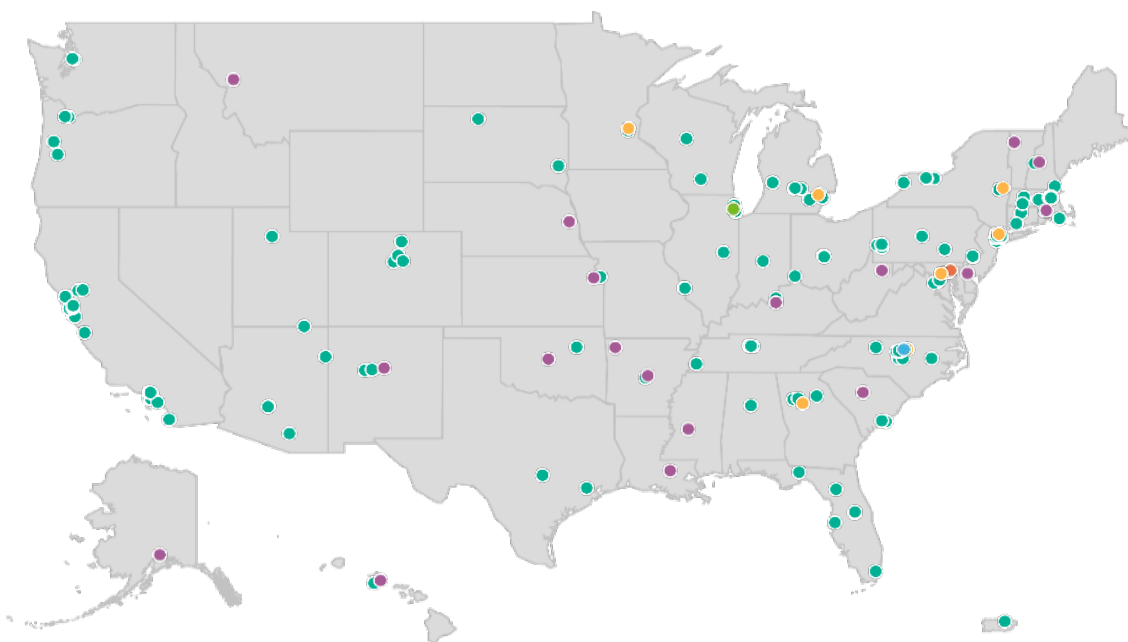
>9.5 Trillion pounds
of chemicals per year
in the U.S.
(~30,000 lbs/person)

Key Gap

- Only a fraction of chemicals have been measured in pregnant women or children

Environmental influences on Child Health Outcomes (ECHO) Program

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>55,000 children from 71 longitudinal cohorts across the US

Children's race/ethnicity

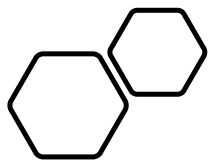
- 45% Non-Hispanic White
- 25% Hispanic
- 13% Non-Hispanic Black
- 11% Non-Hispanic Other Race
- 6% Unknown/not reported/other



ECHO

Environmental influences
on Child Health Outcomes

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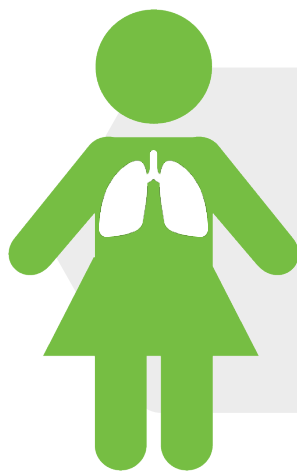
OBJECTIVE

Identify novel chemicals of importance to children's health

PRE-, PERI-
AND POSTNATAL



UPPER AND LOWER
AIRWAY



OBESITY



NEURO-
DEVELOPMENT



Identifying and prioritizing candidate chemicals

Review

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Identifying and Prioritizing Chemicals with Uncertain Burden of Exposure: Opportunities for Biomonitoring and Health-Related Research

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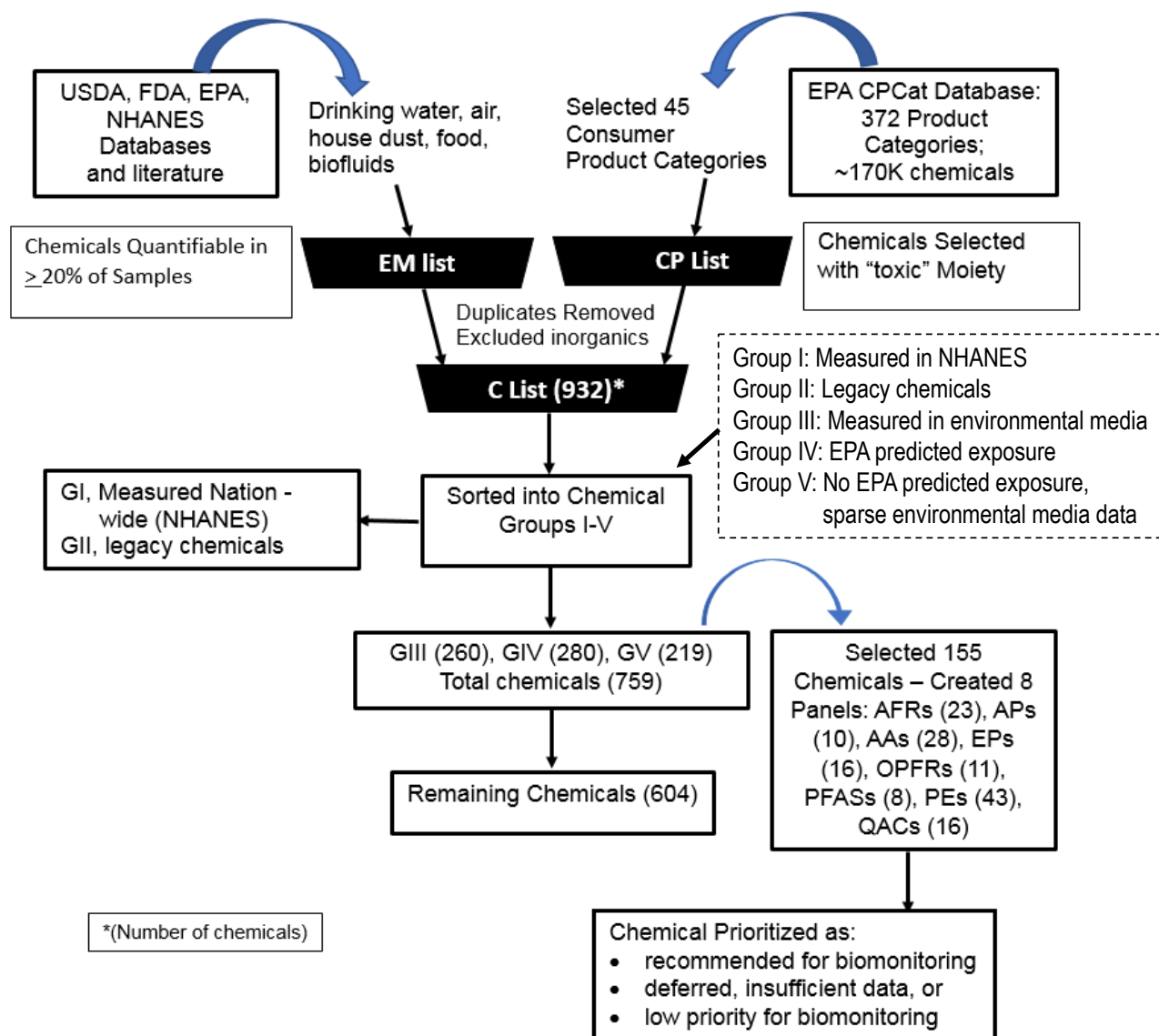
BACKGROUND: The National Institutes of Health’s Environmental influences on Child Health Outcomes (ECHO) initiative aims to understand the impact of environmental factors on childhood disease. Over 40,000 chemicals are approved for commercial use. The challenge is to prioritize chemicals for biomonitoring that may present health risk concerns.

OBJECTIVES: Our aim was to prioritize chemicals that may elicit child health effects of interest to ECHO but that have not been biomonitored nationwide and to identify gaps needing additional research.

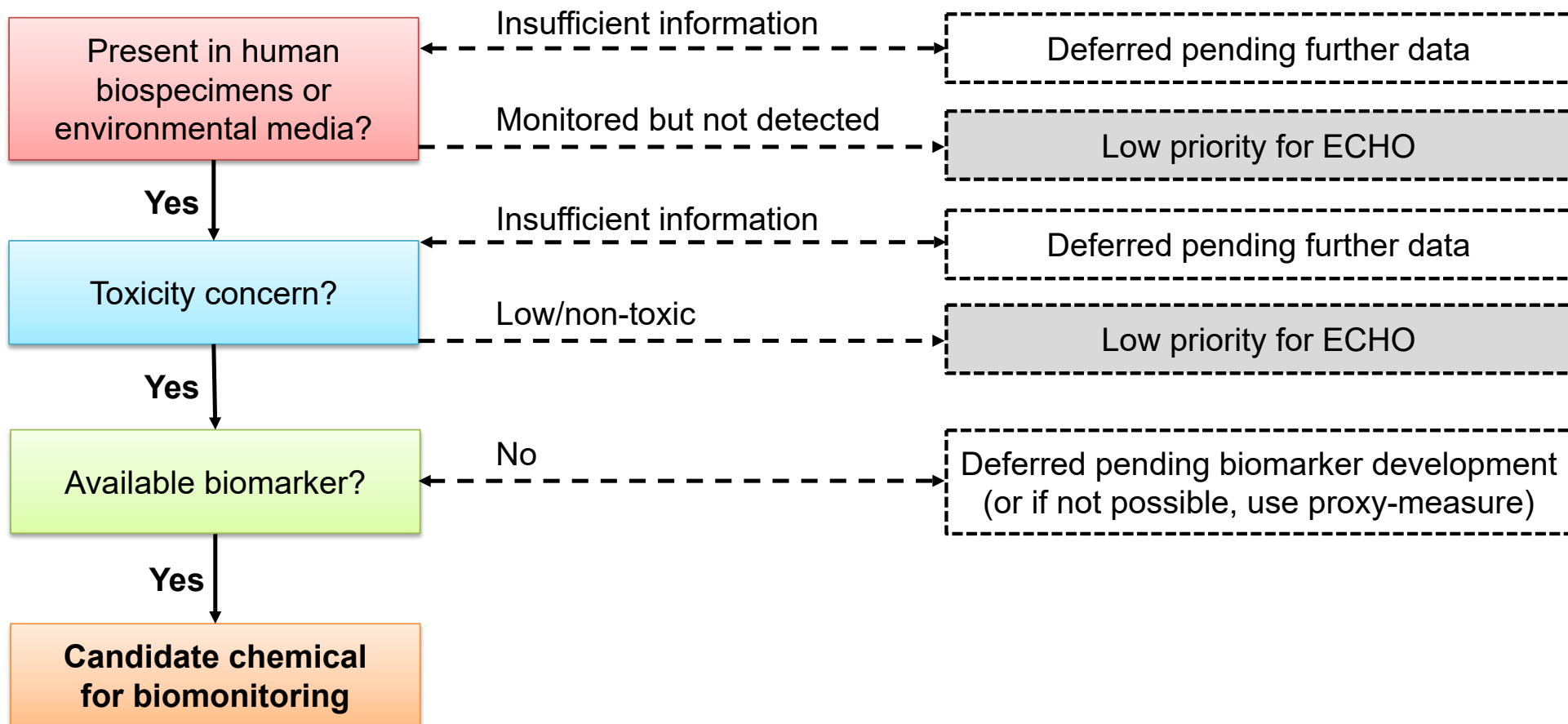
METHODS: We searched databases and the literature for chemicals in environmental media and in consumer products that were potentially toxic. We selected chemicals that were not measured in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. From over 700 chemicals, we chose 155 chemicals and created eight chemical panels. For each chemical, we compiled biomonitoring and toxicity data, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency exposure predictions, and annual production usage. We also applied predictive modeling to estimate toxicity. Using these data, we recommended

Conducted a rigorous review of extant data to prioritize 155 chemicals in 8 classes

Chemical Classes
Alternate flame retardants
Alternative plasticizers
Aromatic amines
Environmental phenols
Organophosphorus flame retardants
Perfluoroalkyl substances
Pesticides
Quaternary ammonium compounds



Criteria for recommending chemical biomonitoring in ECHO



Example: organophosphorus-based flame retardants

Present in human biospecimens or environmental media?

Name	Exposure/Environmental Media			
	<i>Dermal Contact</i>	<i>Biofluids/hair/nails</i>	<i>Air, Indoor Dust</i>	<i>Food, Water</i>
2,2-Bis(chloromethyl) propane-1,3-Diyltetrakis(2-chloroethyl) bisphosphate (V6)		[142]	[29, 404, 405]	
2-Ethylhexyl diphenyl phosphate (EHDPP)		[407-409]	[408, 410-413]	[27, 414]
Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phosphate (BEHP)		[417]	[140, 143]	[418]
Diquanidine hydrogen phosphate				
Triethyl phosphate (TEP)			[419-421]	[28]
Tris (2,3-dibromopropyl) phosphate (TBP)*		[424]	[413]	
Tris(2,3-dichloropropyl) phosphate (TDCnPP)		[426]	[419, 427]	[428]
Tris(2-butoxyethyl) phosphate (TBOEP)		[407, 432-434]	[24, 155, 315, 407, 411, 419, 435, 436]	[27, 28]
Tris(2-chloro- <i>iso</i> -propyl) phosphate (TCIPP)		[108, 445]	[88, 89, 155, 315, 404, 407, 410, 412]	[28]
Tris(2-ethylhexyl) phosphate (TEHP)		[433]	[420, 425, 446]	[27]
Tris(tribromoneopentyl)phosphate (TTBNPP)				[450, 451]

	Quantified in media/ biofluids; qual. id in biofluids
	Qualitative id in media or dermal contact
	No or sparse data

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Toxicity concern?

Name	Health Effects/Toxicity										
	In Vivo/In Vitro					HTP Assay		QSAR Model			
	Endocrine	Developmental	Reproductive	Neurotoxicity	Carcinogenicity	Neurotoxicity	Endocrine	Obesity	Developmental	Carcinogenicity	Reproductive
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Tris(tribromoneopentyl)phosphate (TTBNPP)											

In Vivo / In Vitro Studies	
[Dark Brown]	Human study, risk Assess.
[Light Brown]	In vivo animal studies
[Lighter Brown]	In vitro experiments
[White]	No or sparse data

QSAR Models	
[Red]	Toxicant-High reliability
[Light Red]	Toxicant-Medium reliability
[Pink]	Toxicant-Low
[Light Green]	Not likely a toxicant
[White]	No prediction

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Available biomarker?

Name	Biomarkers			
	<i>Plasma / Serum</i>	<i>Hair / fingernails</i>	<i>Urine</i>	<i>Breast Milk</i>
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	Parent or metabolite
	No or sparse data

Recommended biomonitoring of novel chemicals in ECHO

Panel name	# Chemicals	# Recommended for biomonitoring	# Deferred	# Low priority for biomonitoring
Alternate flame retardants	23	4	16	3
Alternative plasticizers	10	2	5	3
Aromatic amines	28	3	25	0
Environmental phenols	16	6	9	1
Organophosphorus flame retardants	11	5	5	1
Perfluoroalkyl substances	8	4	4	0
Pesticides	43	12	28	3
Quaternary ammonium compounds	16	0	16	0
Total:	155	36	108	11

Assessing novel chemical exposures in ECHO

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Develop and demonstrate feasibility of a method for multiple chemical extraction and measurement



102 urinary biomarkers in multi-class assay

Alternative Flame Retardant
Melamine

Aromatic Amines
2-Methylaniline
2-Methoxyaniline
3,4-Dichloroaniline
2,4-Diaminotoluene
4,4'-Diaminodiphenylmethane

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Bis(2-butoxyethyl) phosphate
Tris(2-butoxyethyl) phosphate
Triethyl phosphate
Bis(2-methylphenyl) phosphate
Cresyl diphenyl phosphate
Dibutyl phosphate
Diphenyl phosphate
Di-isobutyl phosphate
Tri-iso-butyl phosphate
Tri-isopropyl phosphate
Trimethyl phosphate
Trimethylphenyl phosphate
Tri-n-butyl phosphate
Triphenyl phosphate
Tris(2-chloroethyl) phosphate

Environmental Phenols
Bisphenol A diglycidyl ether
Bisphenol AF
Bisphenol B
3,3',5,5'-Tetrabromobisphenol A
2,2',6,6'-Tetrachlorobisphenol A
3,3',5-Trichlorobisphenol A
4-n-Nonylphenol
Bisphenol A (2,3-dihydroxypropyl) glycidyl ether
Bisphenol A bis(2,3-dihydroxypropyl) glycidyl ether
Bisphenol A (3-chloro-2-hydroxypropyl) glycidyl ether
Bisphenol A bis(3-chloro-2-hydroxypropyl) glycidyl ether
4-n-Octylphenol
4,4'-(1,4-Phenylenediisopropylidene)bisphenol
4,4'-(1-Phenylethylidene)bisphenol
4,4'-Cyclo-hexylidenebisphenol
4,4'-di-Hydroxydiphenylmethane
4,4'-Sulfonyldiphenol (Bisphenol S)
bis(4-Hydroxyphenyl)propane
2,4,5-Trichlorophenol
2,3,4,5-Tetrachlorophenol
2,3,4,6-Tetrachlorophenol
2,3,5,6-Tetrachlorophenol
Pentachlorophenol
4-Hydroxybenzoate
4-hydroxybenzophenone
Benzophenone-1
Benzophenone-2
Benzophenone-3
Benzophenone-6
Benzophenone-8
Benzyl paraben
Ethyl paraben
Heptaparaben
Hydroxy-ethyl paraben
Hydroxy-methyl paraben
Methyl paraben
n-Butyl paraben
n-Propyl paraben
Triclocarban
Triclosan

Pesticides
Azoxystrobin
Cyprodinil
Metalaxyl
Metribuzin
Propiconazole
Pyrimethanil
Tebuconazole
Tetraconazole
6-Cloronicotinic acid
Acetamidrid
Atrazine
Cyanauric Acid
Ammelide
Ammeline
Clothianidin
Dinotefuran
Fonicamid
Imidacloprid
Imidaclotiz
N-desmethyl thiamethoxam
N-desmethyl-acetamidrid
Nitenpyram
Sulfoxaflor
Thiacloprid-amide
Thiamethoxam

Alternate Plasticizers
mono-Ethyl phthalate
mono-Butyl phthalate
mono-Benzyl phthalate
mono-(2-Ethylhexyl) phthalate
mono-(2-Ethyl-5-hydroxyhexyl) phthalate
mono-(2-Ethyl-5-oxohexyl) phthalate
mono-Carboxy-iso-octyl phthalate
mono-Carboxy-iso-nonyl phthalate
mono-Ethyl terephthalate
mono-Tert-butyl terephthalate
mono-Benzyl- terephthalate
mono-2(Ethyl hexyl) terephthalate

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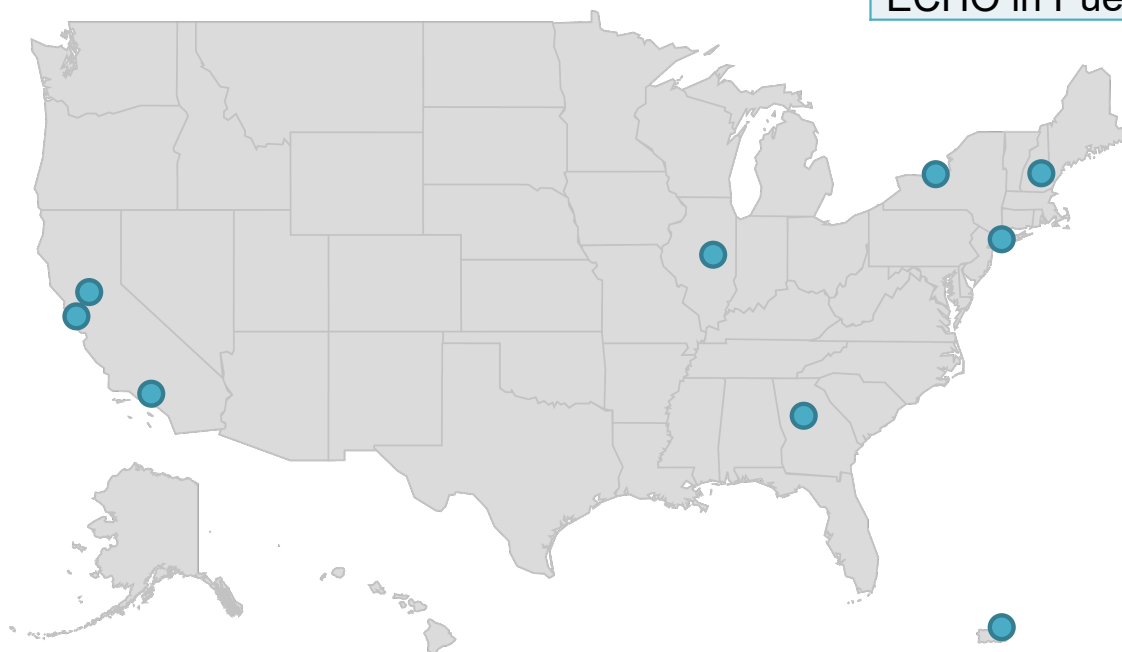


Conduct a pilot study to measure novel chemicals in urine collected from pregnant women



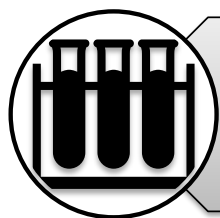
Pilot study measuring novel chemicals among 175 pregnant women from 9 ECHO cohorts

Cohort	Location	Enrollment
New Hampshire Birth Cohort Study	NH	2009-present
Fair Start	NY	2013-present
Rochester	NY	2016-present
Atlanta ECHO Cohort of Emory	GA	2014-present
Illinois Kids Development Study	IL	2013-present
MARBLES	CA	2006-present
Chemicals in our Bodies	CA	2014-present
MADRES	CA	2016-present
ECHO in Puerto Rico	PR	2011-present



Includes women from across the U.S. to capture geographic, temporal, and sociodemographic diversity

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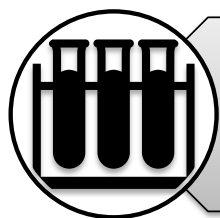


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Assess associations of prenatal novel chemical exposures with birth outcomes among >7500 children

Assessing novel chemical exposures in ECHO



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Assess associations of prenatal novel chemical exposures with birth outcomes among >7500 children



Perform future studies evaluating associations of novel chemicals with additional child health outcomes

- First study to assess exposures or health effects for majority of selected chemicals
- Chemical exposures can be reduced through a variety of programs, policies, and practices to protect children's health

EXPOSURE REDUCTION STRATEGIES



Individual behaviors



Household maintenance and purchasing



Consumer advocacy and corporate responsibility



Regulatory action via state/federal policies

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