Maternal weight tied to early-onset neonatal bacterial sepsis
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(HealthDay)—Risk for early-onset neonatal bacterial sepsis (EOS) increases with maternal overweight and obesity, particularly in term infants, according to a study recently published in *Clinical Infectious Diseases*.

Eduardo Villamor, M.D., M.P.H., from the University of Michigan School of Public Health in Ann Arbor, and colleagues used data from 1,971,346 live singleton infants born in Sweden (1997 to 2016) to identify a diagnosis of culture-confirmed EOS in the first three days of life.

The researchers found that EOS risk per 1,000 live births was 1.48 but was higher in preterm infants (0.76 in term versus 15.52 in preterm infants). EOS risk increased with maternal body mass index (BMI) categories: For BMI
