

SYMPTOMS OF DRUG WITHDRAWAL IN INFANTS

Physical Signs:

- Tremors
- Facing hands in front of face
- Jerking of extremities
- Thrashing head back and forth
- Minimal eye contact
- Resists being held
- Stiffens body when being held
- Arches back and head
- Fisting of hands (thumb in)
- Ruddy coloring
- Color changes --- blue around the mouth
- Increased respiratory rate

Symptoms:

- Lethargic --- difficult to awaken
- Poor sucking reflex --- poor feeder
- Poor state of control --- irritable
- High-pitched cry
- Not easily consoled
- Restless sleep patterns --- easily disturbed
- Excessive sweating
- Fever
- Hiccoughs
- BM Grunt sounds
- Gags --- may have trouble catching breath
- Snorting --- nasal congestion
- Excessive yawning or sneezing
- Continual diarrhea

Neurological Signs:

- Seizures
- Excessive rooting
- Eyeballs seem to float
- Staring periods
- Glazed eyes
- Poor tracking ability
- Poor quality of alertness
- Hypotonic/hypertonic and/or mixed muscle tone
- Pushed up on toes
- Tongue sticks out
- Fingers splayed
- Scissoring of feet