

How much does smoking impact fertility and the fetus?

40 per cent.

Amongst smoking women, the chances of conceiving are decreased by 10-40 per cent per cycle.

50 per cent.

Certain studies suggest that smokers are at least 50 per cent more likely to suffer from erectile dysfunction. Smoking also damages sperm, potentially making IVF treatment less successful.

2 months.

How much longer it takes female smokers to conceive in comparison to non-smokers.

2.3 million.

The approximate number of men in the UK who suffer from impotence.

Twice.

Female smokers are 1.5-2.0 times more likely than non-smokers to give birth prematurely.

4 out of 10.

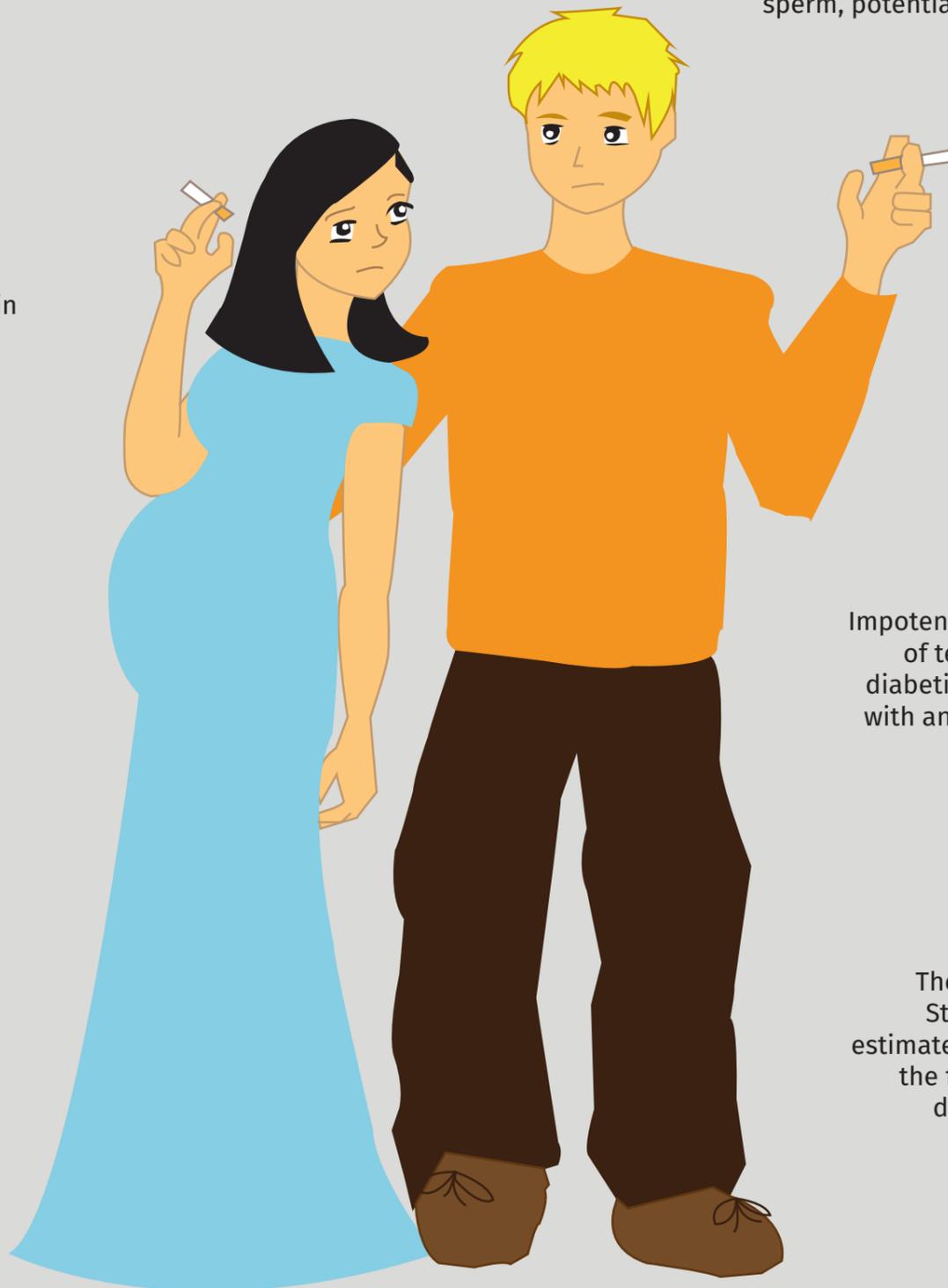
Impotence affects more than four out of ten men with diabetes. Among diabetic men, smoking is associated with an increased risk of impotence.

25 per cent.

The Royal College of Physicians estimates that smoking increases the risk of miscarriage by 25 per cent.

2.5 times.

The UK Confidential Inquiry into Stillbirths and Death in Infancy estimated that in families where only the father smoked, the risk of cot death was increased 2.5 times.



The conceived baby.

If the mother continues to smoke after conception, umbilical blood flow is altered and toxins are transferred to the fetus through the placenta. Nicotine also makes its way into breast milk. The fetus might not breathe properly because nicotine constricts blood vessels of the umbilical cord and uterus, making less oxygen available. Other chemicals in tobacco might also alter the baby's lung structure and function.

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