

This week a privately funded study conducted in The Children's Hospital Westmead in Sydney surrounding one possible cause of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS.) While this is encouraging, the headlines that are coming out are deeply problematic.

This is a potential biomarker that might be used in the future to design a test (perhaps at newborn screening) to identify babies that might be vulnerable. This is only one piece of a very big puzzle. Researchers believe that SIDS has more than one origin. This is progress, and for that we should be optimistic, but it's not the entire answer.

You can Google the entire paper. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/.../pii/S2352396422002225>.

As bereaved parents ourselves, we understand how parents whose babies have died from this mysterious disease desperately want answers and new parents want assurance that it won't happen to their baby. We pray that someday that will happen but that's not the case today.

It's important that we also recognize that SIDS is only one cause of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID), the other being Accidental Suffocation and Strangulation in Bed (ASSB.) ASSB is the cause of at least 1,100 of the 3,500 SUID deaths every year, primarily due to babies sleeping on soft beds and/or the presence of pillows, blankets, stuffed animals and other soft objects nearby.

Our concern with the development of a test for the vulnerability to SIDS is with parents having a false sense of security and adopting unsafe sleep practices.

As always, we will keep you updated on new and promising developments towards saving our babies lives.

Warmest regards,

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