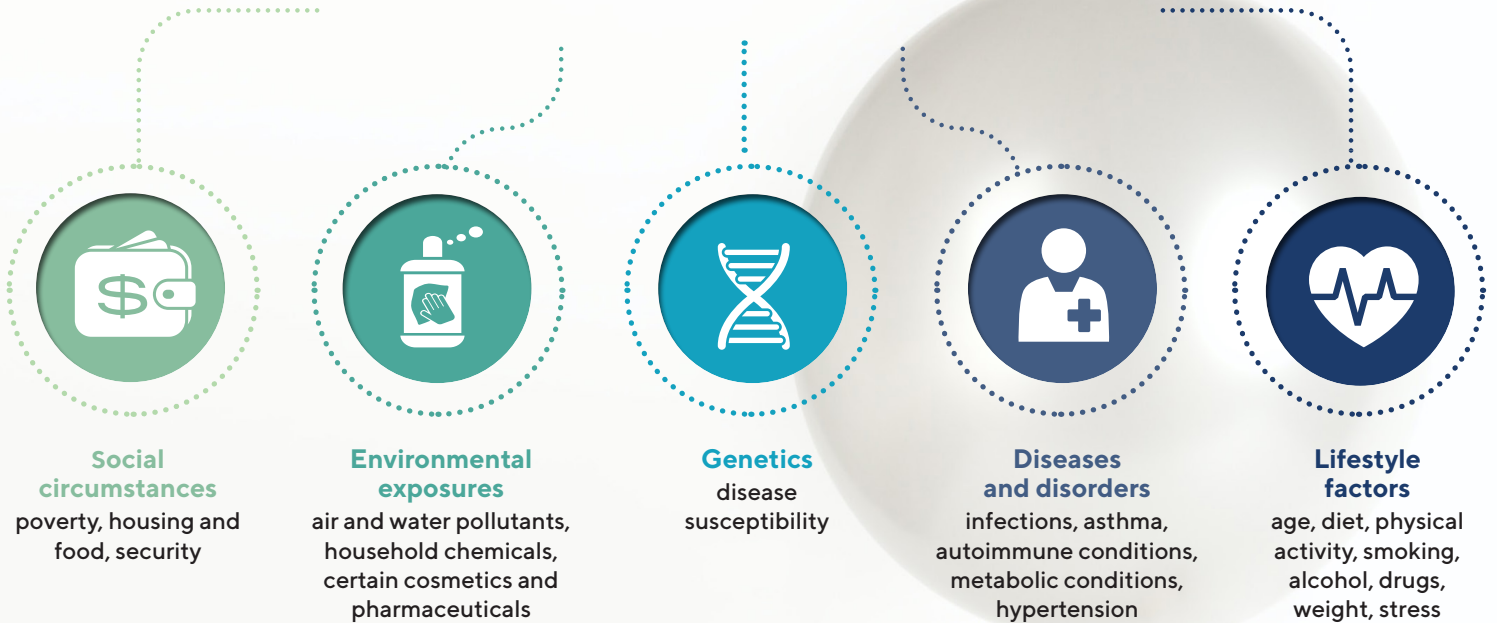


What impacts a child's life-long health trajectory?

The foundation for healthy childhood and adult life are established before birth...

PRE-PREGNANCY

The health of prospective parents is important. Multiple factors influence chances of conception and healthy fetal development.



PREGNANCY

Multiple factors during pregnancy influence fetal development and life-long health

25%
of Australian pregnancies are affected by preeclampsia, preterm birth, fetal growth restriction, and/or gestational diabetes



LABOUR AND BIRTH

Events leading up to and during labour have long-term health implications for both mother and child:



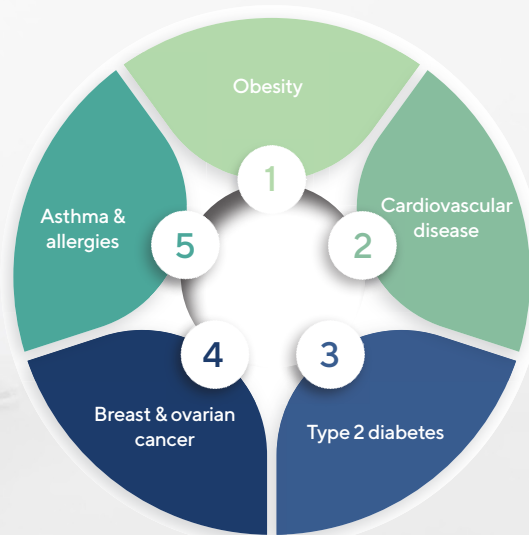
THE EARLY YEARS

The first few years of life are a time of rapid development. A child's health trajectory is influenced by a number of factors during this stage, including:



LONG-TERM HEALTH

Life-long health and susceptibility or resilience to chronic diseases can be traced to events before birth and in early life



New discoveries show how pregnancy complications compromise heart health for mothers and babies

Better understanding of the early life drivers of development will inform policies and interventions to support child health, with life-time benefits.