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**Birth of Baby with Microcephaly**

**Port-of-Spain, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016:** The Ministry of Health announces the birth of a baby with Microcephaly . The mother was attended to privately and was not a patient of the Mt Hope Maternity Hospital where the national screening effort is located.

It is to be noted that Trinidad and Tobago registers approximately 12 cases of Microcephaly yearly due to a variety of genetic causes . To date, this case cannot be directly attributed to the Zika virus and the assistance of PAHO/WHO has been sought to make a clinical determination.

At this time we ask that the family's privacy be respected and the Ministry will keep the public updated as new facts become available.

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