

On Monday, Gus toured the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at St. Joseph's Women's Hospital in Tampa, which is undergoing an expansion to accommodate the growing need of women's and infant's care in the Tampa Bay area. Sadly, many of the infants at the NICU are born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS), meaning they were born to a woman addicted to drugs.

□ Gus has been working to combat the growing prescription drug abuse epidemic as a result of pill mills throughout the Southeast United States. As a member of the Congressional Caucus on Prescription Drug Abuse, Gus is working to raise awareness of the harms of prescription drug abuse. He is concerned about the illegal sales of medications, as well as lenient prescription oversight.

While this is largely a state issue, Gus has been working with his House colleagues from affected states and the relevant state officials to determine what role the federal government can take on this issue.



Above: Gus looks on at an infant born with NAS.