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# Pregnancy Calendar

Your personal day-by-day guide to a healthy pregnancy and your baby's development from conception to birth

# Calendario de Embarazo

Su guía diaria personal a un embarazo sano y el desarrollo de su bebé de la concepción para dar a luz a.



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# An exciting time!

Pregnancy is an exciting time of change in your life. From the beginning, your baby alters the way you live. The best way to have a healthy pregnancy, labor and delivery is to be well informed. Having the information included within this calendar will help you make decisions. Decisions that will help your baby have a healthy start and make you feel your best.

## This calendar can be used to:

- Learn about your baby's growth and development
- Track your weight each month
- Write down doctor's appointments
- Write down feelings
- Write down questions to ask doctor

This calendar will help you through your pregnancy and offer valuable information that can be utilized after the birth of your baby. This includes Maternal Care, Infant Care, Well Child Visits and Immunizations, Safety, Emergency Room, and reference to Community Health Plan's 'Children's First Program'.

The calendar is separated by tabs on the left side which display each trimester.

You will find tabs at the bottom of the calendar which represents information that may be valuable after pregnancy.

Each week of your pregnancy, you will notice a one to two sentence block above the days of the week. This information is to help identify stepping stones of your pregnancy throughout that particular trimester. The information provided in these areas comes from the booklet *Your Journey Through Pregnancy* that you can obtain free of charge by enrolling in the New Arrivals Program. When you see a page number listed after the education each week, that number is referring to the page number in *Your Journey Through Pregnancy*. If you have any questions about anything listed, or feel that you are experiencing complications, please contact your doctor at any time.



## This may be a good time to sign up for the New Arrivals program which offers:

- Referrals and access to community resources
- Education Material
- A 24-hour nurse line
- A free car seat
- Access to a Nurse or Social Work case manager

As part of the New Arrivals program, you will complete three maternity surveys at various times during your pregnancy. The answers you provide will help us know what education materials to send you.

If you have a pregnancy with special needs, you will also receive additional follow-up from a maternity nurse who works with your doctor to ensure you get the help you need.

When signing up for this free program, you will be sent a booklet entitled, *Your Journey Through Pregnancy*. This booklet is an important component of Community Health Plan's Maternal Health Program. Information has been taken from this book

and referenced in this calendar. It would be beneficial for you to obtain this as soon as possible. It may help answer any questions you may have regarding your pregnancy.

To utilize this free program, the mother must sign up by 32 weeks of pregnancy. To enroll in the New Arrivals program, please call: 1-800-395-BABY (2229).

# important information

Clinic Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Doctor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Clinic Address \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic Urgent Care Center \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Urgent Care Center Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Baby Line** (please read page iii in 'Your Journey Through Pregnancy' before calling this line): 1-800-395-BABY (2229)

**Poison Control:** 1-800-222-1222

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Phone Number: 1-800-440-1561 Hours: Monday through Friday from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

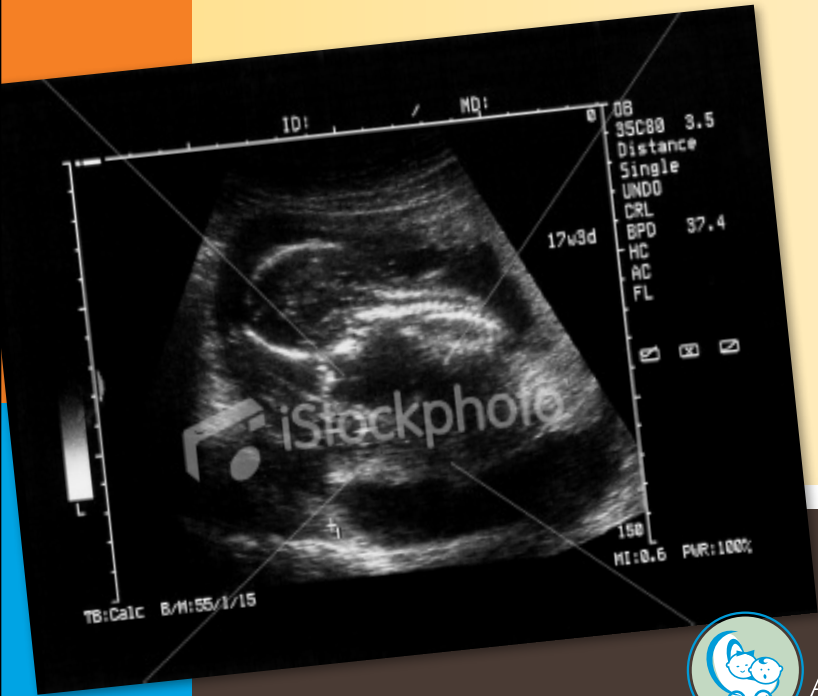
# first trimester

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- The major organs and nervous system form
- The heart starts to beat
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WEEK SEMANA

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Visits will be every 4 weeks until the 28th week, every 2 weeks until the 36th week, then weekly until delivery. (page 2)

WEEK SEMANA

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Prenatal visits may include: weight, blood pressure, urine test, measurement of uterus, fetal movement, and baby's heartbeat. (page 2)

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The amount of weight you should gain during pregnancy depends on what you and your doctor determines is right for you. (page 23)

WEEK SEMANA

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## Exercise

Exercise can help strengthen the muscles used in labor and delivery. By exercising and continuing to use your muscles, you may decrease some discomforts of pregnancy. It may give you more energy and make you feel happier.

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Tests can be done to help detect birth defects in your baby. Please talk to your doctor about the best time for your baby to be screened.

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Almost all women feel more tired in the early weeks of pregnancy and may need more sleep. (page 11)

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Frequent urination is a normal part of pregnancy. (page 11)

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WEEK SEMANA

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Morning sickness is common during pregnancy and may occur at any time – day or night. (page 57)

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## Nutrition

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Your diet should have protein, carbohydrates, vitamins, minerals and fat. During your pregnancy, your body may need more of the following:

- Calories: to help nourish the growing baby (please discuss with doctor)
- Iron and Folic Acid: to help make the extra blood needed in pregnancy
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Your doctor may have you limit your intake of caffeine, which is found in coffee, tea, chocolate, and some sodas. (page 20)

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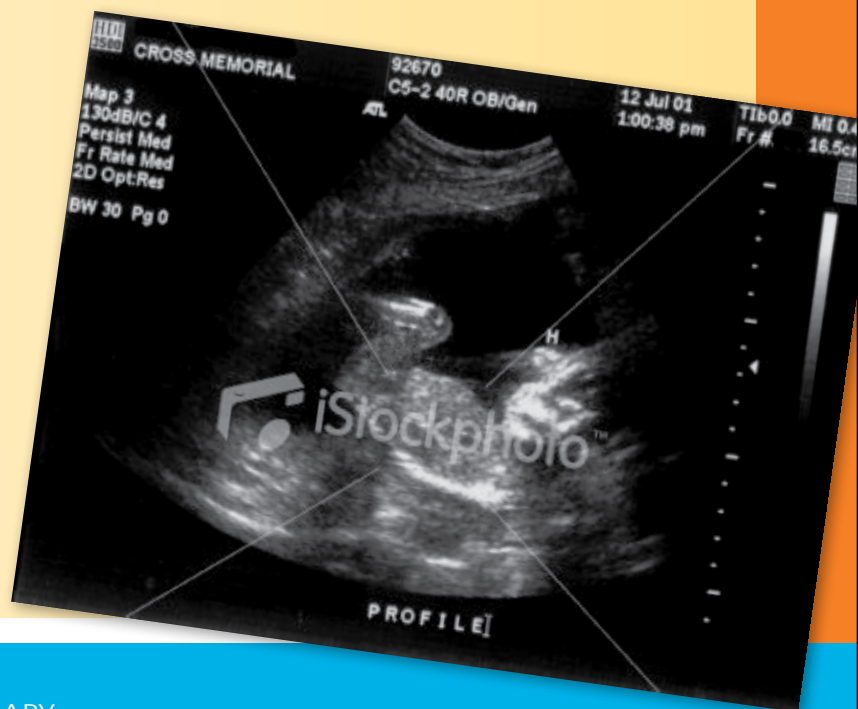
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- The organs develop further and begin to function
  - Eyebrows, eyelashes, and fingernails form
  - The skin is wrinkled and covered with a waxy coating (vernix)
  - The genitals develop
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At this time your uterus may be felt above your pubic bone causing you to 'show.' (page 5)

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As your hormones increase, your body makes more blood. This may cause a stuffy, runny or bloody nose. Please talk to your doctor for more information.

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### Dental Health

It is important to have good dental hygiene throughout pregnancy. Due to the changes in your body, pregnant women are at an increased risk for cavities and gum disease. If you have dental care and are able to see your dentist, it may be a good idea to get a check up early in your pregnancy.

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Hard stools and constipation may lead to swollen veins in the rectum called hemorrhoids. (page 12)

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Your gums may swell and bleed more easily due to the changes in your hormones and blood volume. (page 6)

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Leg cramps, or “charley horses” can be common in pregnancy. They may occur at night while you sleep or in the morning when you get out of bed. (page 12)

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### Preterm Labor

The following signs may suggest preterm labor:

- Vaginal Discharge
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### Emotions in pregnancy

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- Know what to expect during labor and delivery. Take childbirth classes that will teach you relaxation methods, ways to ease labor pains and options for pain relief.
- Get prepared by taking a newborn-care class before your due date. Many hospitals offer 1- or 2-day courses. Make sure read up on infant care before your delivery.

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Blood pressure can go up and down during pregnancy. A reading of 140/90 or higher is a sign of hypertension and can indicate a problem. (page 96)

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Due to the increase in weight, breast size and uterine size, you may get back strain and aches. (page 13)

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If your community offers Lamaze classes to prepare for delivery, this may be a good time to sign up.

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Upon your next prenatal visit, ask your doctor about writing a birth plan.

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## Emergency situations

Sometimes a problem can occur that needs attention right away. If you notice any of the signs below, CALL YOUR DOCTOR RIGHT AWAY AND GO TO THE HOSPITAL.

### Bleeding

If you have any vaginal bleeding call your doctor. A large gush or a steady stream of bright red blood is an emergency – CALL 911. Get help right away, lie on your side and put your feet higher than your head. Save the pads or cloths used to catch the blood.

### Rupture of the Bag of Water

Although the rupture of membranes may signal the start of labor, sometimes the bag of water around the baby will rupture prematurely. If you notice a gush of fluid or a steady trickle of fluid, you should call your doctor. Be sure to note any color or smell that might be present in the fluid. Save pads or cloths and bring them to the hospital.

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## What Is Happening?

### Timing of Contractions

### False Labor

Contractions are often irregular. They do not get closer together as time goes on.

### True Labor

Contractions are regular and stay close together. They may last 30–90 seconds.

### Change in Movement

Contractions may stop when you walk, rest, or change.

Contractions will continue to come no matter what you do.

### Strength of Contractions

Contractions may be weak, or strong contractions may get weak.

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Pain only felt in the front.

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As your baby drops in your pelvis you may be able to breathe easier and urinate more often.

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As your body prepares for delivery, you may feel Braxton-Hicks contractions more often.

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A postpartum exam can be scheduled at this time. It is important to have this visit with your doctor 6 weeks after the delivery of your baby.

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# maternal care

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If you take a family member to the doctor, make sure you understand their health needs. For example, if you take your child to a well-child visit, you should ask questions about your child's health.

The doctor and nurse may seem to be in a hurry, but they really want to make sure that you understand your health. Don't leave with any unanswered questions about your care! If you understand your health, you will be better able to take care of yourself and your family at home.

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## Where should you go for care?

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If your baby is sick and you are worried, you should call your doctor for an appointment. If you are not sure if the situation is an emergency call your clinic or nurse advice line. Many times when your child is sick you can provide care at home until your child's appointment. Your clinic or nurse advice line can help. There are also a variety of books that you may be interested in, including *What to Do When Your Child Gets Sick and Health-wise Handbook*.

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- *Your child has a fever*
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- Install safety locks
- Cover your outlets
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- Teach your child not to play with hot surfaces
- Turn the handles of your pots toward the center of the stove or table
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- Fasten your child's seat belt in the car

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*Help keep your child safe by being aware of your surroundings.*

## Seat Checklist

- Have I read the label on the safety belt and seat for any special instructions?
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