



Baby's Week by Week Development

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1	1	1	First day of last menstrual cycle (typical date used for medical pregnancy calculation purposes)
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3			Conception occurred around this time
4			Implantation, cells multiplying
5	2		Baby visible to naked eye; brain lobes and spine forming, heart pulsating
6			Head is 1/2 body length, trunk and rudimentary brain, limb buds
7			Tiny limbs, spinal cord and brain almost complete; 1/2" long
8			Baby has all main internal organs, ears are taking shape
9	3		Fingers and toes starting, moving, weighs as much as a grape
10			Finger prints and hair, would turn head if you touched it!
11			All major organs formed, lips open and close, heart complete
12			Head rounder with eyelids, muscles developing, 2.5" 1/2oz.
13		3	Baby now completely formed and nausea often over now
14	4		Eyebrows, hair, audible heartbeat, nourished by placenta 3.75"
15			Hair becoming coarser with pigment if dark haired
16			Nails and lanugo (fine hair over skin), 6.75" 5oz. May feel flutters
17			Uterus halfway to navel, baby aware of sounds outside body
18	5		Kicks, has a firm grip and sucks, about 8" long
19			Buds for permanent teeth forming behind those for baby teeth
20			Vernix (protective covering) begins to form, about 10"
21			Moves freely, can be felt kicking, weighs about 1 lb.
22	6		Settling into a pattern of activity and sleep, 14-12"
23			Braxton-Hicks contractions may massage baby regularly
24			About 13" and over 1.25 lb. but lungs immature
25			Bone centers beginning to harden, eye structure complete
26		3	Skin changing from paper-thin and transparent to opaque
27	7		Skin still protected and nourished by thick vernix, eyes reopen
28			If a boy, testes descending, baby is about 14" long and 2 lbs.
29			Head now in proportion with rest of body
30			Baby probably very aware of Braxton-Hicks contractions
31	8		Weighs about 4-5 lbs. 13", just starting to put on fat
32			Perfectly formed but lacks fat reserves below skin
33			Probably in head down position from now until delivery
34			Skin getting pinker, growing rapidly, digestive system still immature
35	9		About 18" long and 5.5 lbs., acquiring antibodies
36			Almost fully mature, may drop into pelvis soon, about 18"
37			May hiccup as it practices breathing and takes in fluid
38			Growth has slowed down, getting ready!
39			New amniotic fluid every 3 hours, meconium in bowel
40	10		About 20" long and ready to be born!
41			Take it easy; it will happen when you least expect it.
42			Don't panic ... some babies just take longer to cook.