

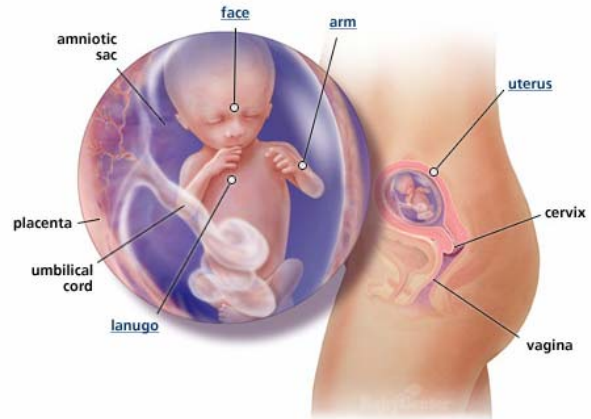
Our TTC Journey Week 14 – February 15th – 21st, 2008



I have passed a major milestone in my pregnancy! I am now in the 2ND TRIMESTER !!!!!

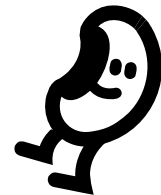
I am so excited and relieved and still a little in shock that the impossible pregnancy case (according to a doctor at Kaiser) was finally able to conceive! I know that things will just get better from here !

This week's big developments: Your baby can now squint, frown, grimace, pee, and possibly suck his thumb! Thanks to brain impulses, his facial muscles are getting a workout as his tiny features form one expression after another. His kidneys are producing urine, which he releases into the amniotic fluid around him — a process he'll keep up until birth. He can grasp, too, and if you're having an ultrasound now, you may even catch him sucking his thumb.



In other news: Your baby's stretching out. From head to bottom, he measures 3 1/2 inches — about the size of a lemon — and he weighs 1 1/2 ounces. His body's growing faster than his head, which now sits upon a more distinct neck. By the end of this week, his arms will have grown to a length that's in proportion to the rest of his body. (His legs still have some lengthening to do.) He's starting to develop an ultra-fine, downy covering of hair, called lanugo, all over his body. Your baby's liver starts making bile this week — a sign that it's doing its job right — and his spleen starts helping in the production of red blood cells. Though you can't feel his tiny punches and kicks yet, your little pugilist's hands and feet (which now measure about 1/2 inch long) are more flexible and active.

February 15th – The most wonderful thing, my dear friend Melissa has gotten her big fat positive. I am so happy for her as this just reassures me that wonderful positive women who should get pregnant actually do. I wish nothing but great things for her little one! I'm having a little famished day, but I've slept great. I was cold in the night, but we didn't turn the heater on, and it was in the low 30s this morning. Naren last night said that he can see my stomach doesn't lay as flat as it used to. So I'm sure if I was a twig, I'd be showing a cute little bump!



Beanlette's Corner

February 16th – Same symptoms different day. I felt good today. No major cramping like before. Now I'm just waiting for that energy to kick in. You know, the energy I hear so much about ...!

February 17th – During the night I thought I felt a flutter. I was laying on my right side and I felt something rubbing above my right ovary. I have not felt anything like it before. A part of me thinks that it is wishful thinking that I'm feeling the baby this soon. My friends on an internet chat board that are also due in August are starting to feel their little ones so I hoped it would be the real thing. I will definitely update the blog if I feel it again.

February 18th – Today my internet chat friends (different group than the August group) disagreed on my decision to do a nursery. I don't want to get the furniture until after the child is born. The lead time is only 1 month (3-4 weeks) and until the furniture arrives the baby can sleep in a bassinet my mom has set aside. Apparently these people think that if I don't do things their way, or get excited their way then I am not getting excited properly, and basically am acting suspiciously. Other than trying to convince crazy that I am pregnant, today was a good day for pregnant women everywhere.

February 19th – And the madness continued into today. I really hope the witch-hunt 3 get lives soon. My symptoms were good today, no cramping and I still haven't yet felt any movement. We're supposed to get rain all this week, booooooooooooo !!! No one likes rain!

February 20th – We're going on an 8 day cruise next week and I couldn't be more excited to get the hell out of Dodge and have a romantic trip with my husband. We haven't packed yet, but that shouldn't take long. We've made arrangements in our ports to have tours and excursions. It sounds like it is going to be a fantastic trip.

February 21st – Today Dh said today I am getting a rounder beer belly. I told him the baby doesn't like beer. I do notice that the top of my stomach, directly underneath my breasts when wearing a bra (to get them out of the way), my stomach used to be flabby but flat. Now it is starting to curve outward! I get a little bit of nausea (5 minutes here and there). I keep wondering if I will be one of those moms who get sick in the 2nd trimester!

I have to do a 3 hour GTT because in the last weeks or so I've been slacking on my diet, exercise and I haven't been taking my Met the way I should. Instead of 1000mg in the am and pm, I usually only take the am. I guess part of me wasn't convinced its working as I don't feel any different when I do or don't take it.

So I go in for this one hour test last week and guess what, I failed it. ! Duh! It was to be less than 130 and it was 145. So I've to spend my Monday morning at this stupid lab when I hoped to be packing for our cruise. So yes during the next 3 days I'll take all my Met, and actually watch what I eat.

Who knew the met was actually working?