

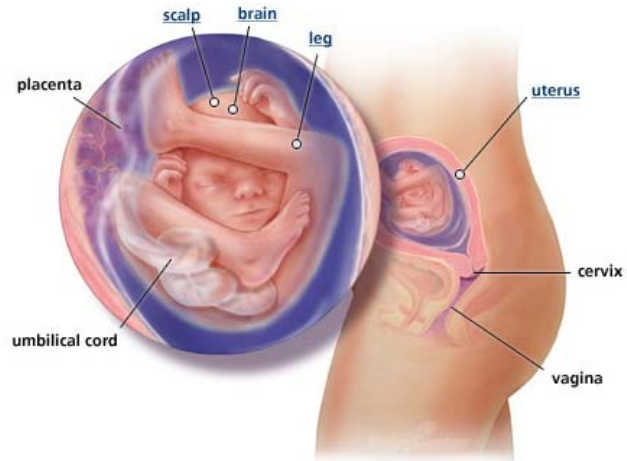
Our TTC Journey

Week 19 – March 21st – March 27th, 2008



It is getting easier to manage the GD. The medicine seems to be working. I'm also not as cold anymore, but perhaps the weather is heating up too. I feel really good, and now that there are flutters everyday, it is getting sooo real that the little critter will soon be here! We are almost half way done !!

Your baby weighs about 8 1/2 ounces, and he measures 6 inches, head to bottom — about the size of a large heirloom tomato. His arms and legs are in the right proportions to each other and the rest of his body now. His kidneys continue to make urine, and the hair on his scalp is sprouting. This is a crucial time for sensory development: Your baby's brain is designating specialized areas for smell, taste, hearing, vision, and touch. If your baby is a girl, she has an astonishing 6 million eggs in her ovaries. They'll dwindle to fewer than two million by the time she's born.



Lanugo appears all over the baby's body. This fine hair will remain until birth draws nearer. Sometimes you can still see some on the baby's face and ears after birth. Permanent teeth buds are forming behind the already formed milk teeth buds.

March 21st – Today the baby didn't wake up after breakfast like normal. But around lunch time we had wiggles and tickles, so perhaps the child was just in a really deep sleep. Who can blame em? I didn't want to get up this morning either. I get a 5 minute sciatica nerve pain, but then I stretch and it goes away. I still get a weird cramp, but know that its just a round ligament issue, and all is well. I'm feeling really good. I'm not famished, not too tired, Im just right !



Beanlette's Corner

March 22nd – Today we had wiggles and movement all day. It was very warm today, and tomorrow should be warm as well. I slept in pretty late. I got up to take my fasting sugars, then went back to sleep!

March 23rd – Today was super warm too. We did laundry and didn't do much else, as it was Easter and we were pretty sure that the stores would be closed. I slept late again today. I enjoyed not having to get up. I graze more when I'm sitting at home on the weekends. My dear friend Jaime, got her big fat positive today, and I couldn't be happier for her!

March 24th – I was really busy at work today, and that took energy I didn't have. I would tell the customer that "I'm too pregnant to do crawl on your floor". They understood. I feel like things are happening to my tummy now that I have no control over. And its getting harder to squeeze around lab benches, and into restaurant booths.

So then tonight after work and groceries I was sitting in the barcalounger, and felt a tug. This has to be the baby. The microsecond-in-length tug is right in my lower uterus. If you put your hand on the area, and feel for movement under the skin, you sure can feel it move. And no, I'm not doing it. If I start to giggle there are different stomach muscles that move and at different pulses. Its not what you feel when you've got your hand on my tummy. It was just a quick blip tug. Then a few seconds later, another, then another then another. I asked Naren to put his hand on my lower abdomen, and I tapped him when I felt this tug, and he could feel it from the outside. If you looked at my tummy, you could see it sort of flinch.

So I laid flat on the couch, and DH put his hand on my lower tummy (right above pubic hairline, 3-4 inches below belly button, dead center of my stomach) and he felt some really strong tugs. I can't explain this one away. The feeling is so much different than I imagined it would be. Some tugs are stronger, but they're never very long in length. They are always a quick ... jab ... then nothing for a second, then another quick 1/2 second tap, then nothing. And this has been going on for a few hours now. It feels like a very slow muscle spasm ... but coming from deep within the uterus. The taps feel like they're coming from the same place you'd feel a very strong orgasm. How after BD you'd feel your vag muscles contracting, well a little higher .. and if you put your hand on your lower tummy you can feel there is something moving underneath there!

March 25th – I just felt flutters today. No kicking yet. I'm so excited for Thursday. I'm feeling good. No huge fatigue. I am feeling a bit hungrier than normal, but it comes and goes. Tomorrow will be normal.

March 26th – I remembered if I drank orange juice the baby will move. So because if the baby doesn't move or isn't in the right spot then we won't be able to see the sex. I don't want to have to wait for another scan in a month, so I'll be sure to drink plenty of orange juice.

March 27th – IT'S A BOY !!!!!!!!!!!!! The baby is measuring perfectly!! All vital systems are perfect. We saw arms, legs, fingers, toes, the brain, the spine, ribs, kidneys, bladder, and the chambers of the heart pumping away.

