

Our TTC Journey

Week 33 – June 27th – July 3rd, 2008



I know that this groin pain is just ligaments loosening for labor, but the pain is so intense, its like a hot white knife stabbing me in my leg pit. I keep getting told that the baby has a large head. I am starting to worry if I'll be able to deliver him vaginally.

Your baby weighs about 4.4 pounds at this point. The crown-to-rump length of your baby is approximately 12 inches and the total length is around 19.4 inches. Measuring from the top of your uterus to your bellybutton is 5.2 inches. Total weight gain at this point of pregnancy is usually 22 to 28 pounds.

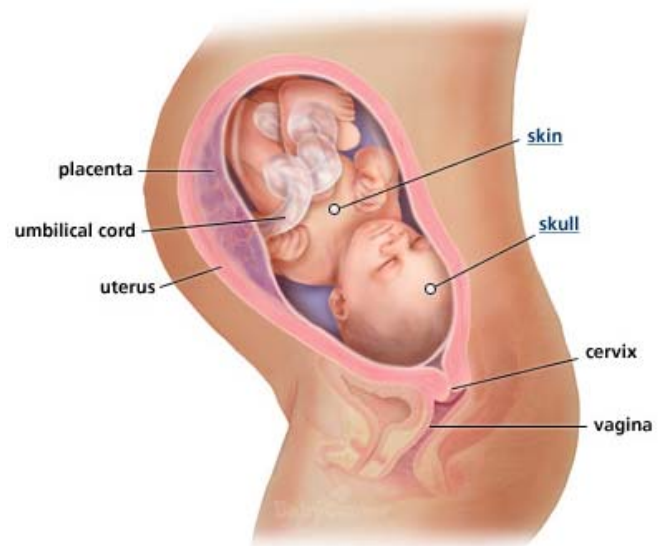
With the exception of crying, your baby is capable of doing everything that a newborn baby will do. Your baby is restricted now inside of the uterus, but still can kick and move. Your baby sleeps a lot of the time, just as newborn babies do. Your baby's eyes move in the manner of REM sleep and researchers believe that babies can dream vividly in uterus.

When your baby is awake, she is listening, feeling and learning. There are billions of neurons in the brain that make trillions of connections. Your baby will probably have settled into the birth position by now and your caregiver can most likely tell which way your baby is presenting. If your baby were to be born now, the lungs would probably be strong enough to function properly, but your baby may still need extra care from specially trained doctors and nurses.

During these last few weeks of pregnancy, most women experience an increased urge to urinate.

The uterus puts a lot of pressure on the bladder and can send you to the restroom frequently. Your uterus has actually grown 500 times throughout your pregnancy! Red blood cell production catches up with the production of plasma and physiological anemia may begin to fade at this time.

Your baby's eyes open during alert times and close during sleep. The eye color is usually blue, regardless of the permanent color as pigmentation is not fully developed. The final formation of eye pigmentation requires exposure to light and usually happens a few weeks after birth.



June 27 – I found out at work that I’ve to fill in for another department while my colleague is on vacation and while I’d like to help, training to do his job is proving harder than I ever thought. I’m not able to keep myself calm and unstressed as I was before.



June 28 – We went to a garage sale today and got a lot of nice baby stuff for next to nothing! I also got the bassinet from my mom. Its darling!

I know I’ll get more stuff from my shower, and then I can setup the nursery.

The doll inside the bassinet is a precious moments angel, who sings “now I lay me down to sleep”

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June 29 – I enjoy days off. I don’t have to work and can get stuff done around the house without having to worry that a ticket has been opened too long!

June 30 – James definitely has patterns of activity. He likes to be active about an hour before lunch and again at 11pm at night. Why at night? Doesn’t he realize its time for sleep?

July 1 – The movements are getting so strong now. Lately there aren’t that many kicks, its more like rolling motions that DH can clearly see. It looks like waves of water sloshing inside my womb.

July 2 – Tonight while laying down the baby was pretending I was a glad trash bag. There was some appendage coming out of my womb, waving the limb around, then retracting the limb back inside. I felt like the fist trying to go through the plastic garbage bag, where you could see the hand clearly but the bag didn’t break.

July 3 – I went to the doc and they had no concept of time. I literally sat there for 45 min as they didn't have a room ready. So once I get in, I find my urine is fine, I gained 1 lb (for a total of 15-18 lbs gained), and the gals in the office think our critter is darling.

Anyhow I get on the table and the doc checks the heartbeat. She tries to find the hb all over but was telling James she wanted to find his heartbeat low. That would mean his head is getting into a lower position !!!!!!!!!!! Well his hb was found LOW ... OMG! He's almost (I think) getting into a head down position! How awesome is that??? My baby's cooperating!

There was no talk of labor, she said we're doing great ... and we'll see you in two weeks!