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SESSION II-2

WHAT SHOULD I DO?



FACT SHEET ON PRENATAL DEVELOPMENT

Two weeks after conception, the future child is the size of a poppy seed.

Three weeks after conception, the future child is the size of a sesame seed, and her tiny heart begins to beat.

One month after conception, the nose, mouth, and ears begin to take shape, and the heart beats 100 to 160 times a minute.

Five weeks after conception, the developing baby is the size of a blueberry. Both hemispheres of his brain are growing.

Six weeks after conception, the developing baby is the size of a kidney bean. Webbed fingers and toes are developing on her hands and feet, and she has begun to move.

Seven weeks after conception, the eyes are fully formed and tiny teeth begin to grow.

Two months after conception, the fetus is a little over an inch long. His finger nails are starting to form.

Nine weeks after conception, the baby is kicking, stretching, and hiccupping, even though mom can't feel it yet.

Ten weeks after conception, the baby is the size of a lime. With the onset of reflexes, her fingers begin to open and close, and her mouth makes sucking movements.

Before the end of the first trimester (three months), the baby's fingers have fingerprints.

By the end of the first trimester (three months), a girl baby has over 2 million eggs in her ovaries.

Three months after conception, the baby is using his facial muscles to squint and frown and will sometimes suck his thumb.

During the fourth month of pregnancy, the baby can sense light shining through her mother's tummy with a flashlight.

During the fourth month of pregnancy, a baby's taste buds form.

During the fourth month of pregnancy, the baby is the size of an avocado. The mother can begin to feel his movements.

During the fourth month of pregnancy, the baby can begin to hear her mother's voice.

Before the end of the second trimester (six months) of pregnancy, the baby opens and closes his eyes and sleeps and wakes regularly.

Source: www.babycenter.com/fetal-development-week-by-week

Note re the timing of fetal development: In medical parlance, the weeks of a pregnancy are numbered from the beginning of the menstrual cycle, meaning that conception takes place around the end of week 2. Thus, an embryo's heart begins to beat during week 5, medically speaking, which is 3 weeks after conception in terms of the life of the child.