

# FETAL DEVELOPMENT FACTS

## Day 1

It is a medical fact that at the moment of conception a human life begins. Even the sex of your baby has already been determined!

## Day 7

Before most women even realize they are pregnant, the embryo has already attached itself to the wall of the uterus.

## Week 3

Your baby's heart has already begun pumping blood through the growing body, and more than likely it is a different type than your own. The heart will not stop beating for the rest of your child's life.

## Week 4

Your baby's ears, eyes and lungs are beginning to form.

## Week 6

Your baby is tiny, but the major systems of his or her body are already in place and developing. Even his or her brain waves are recordable!



## Week 16

Although the movements of your baby are too small to be felt, he or she can kick, swim and turn somersaults! Your baby's sex is also visible at this time.

## Week 10

Your baby's little hands and feet can curl around an object placed in their palm. His or her facial features are apparent, and the nervous system is responsive.



## Week 18

The vocal cords of your baby have started working, but his cries are silent because there is no oxygen.

## Week 20

Considered the accepted minimum for viability, your baby can now survive outside of the womb. He or she has eyelashes, fine hair on his or her head, and can hear your heartbeat and outside noises. You can even feel the baby kick!

## Week 28

Your baby's brain is rapidly developing and the nervous system is able to control some bodily functions. Your baby can open his or her eyes and distinguish your voice from other voices.



## Week 38

Your baby is now considered full-term. Congratulations! The lungs have finally matured, and the average weight of your baby is probably about seven and a half pounds. Although this is his or her first view of the world, life for them began about nine months ago and will continue until death.