

# Benefits of vaginal delivery versus a C-section

## What is a full-term pregnancy?

A full-term pregnancy is a pregnancy that lasts between 39 weeks and 40 weeks. Babies born full-term have the best chance of being healthy, compared with babies born earlier or later.

Babies are not fully developed until 39 weeks of pregnancy. Their brain, lungs, and liver are still developing.

## Why should I have a vaginal delivery?

Following a vaginal delivery mothers, heal more quickly and spend fewer days in the hospital compared to mothers who have a C-section. They are more alert and experience less pain and fatigue. Epidural allows for the vaginal delivery experience with less discomfort (epidural is mother's choice). Vaginal delivery avoids major abdominal surgery and all the potential risks associated with an operation.

### Babies born vaginally typically:

- Experience less respiratory problems
- Have less chance of infection for mom and baby
- Are more alert and show more interest in breastfeeding once delivered
- Receive an early dose of good bacteria to boost their immune systems and protect their intestinal tracts

**90% of women who have a C-section for the first time will have a repeat C-section with subsequent pregnancies!**



## What are the RISKS of delivering by C-section?

- Longer hospital stay
- Increase pain and fatigue
- Slower return to normal activity
- Delayed or difficulty breastfeeding
- Medical complications for the mother including:
  - Postpartum hemorrhage
  - Deep vein thrombosis (clot)
  - Wound infection
  - Abnormal placentation (previas and accretes)
  - Uterine rupture
  - Surgical adhesions
  - Bladder or bowel surgical injury
  - Bowel obstruction

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**There are medical reasons that a C-section is needed. The more common MEDICAL reasons that would be appropriate for a C-section can include:**

1. Baby and/or mother is in distress or having complications from high blood pressure, heart problems, diabetes, HIV, herpes outbreak, or any other infection
2. Baby is too large for mother's pelvis
3. Abnormal position of baby in the uterus which would not allow babe come down into the birth canal
4. Certain birth defects
5. Previous surgery of the uterus, including a previous C-section
6. Multiples (twins, triplets)
7. Problems with the placenta
8. Very long labor (over 20 hours with little dilation of the cervix)
9. Postdates (over 41 weeks)

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- **\$20 reward** after enrolling and completing our HumanaBeginnings Prenatal Postpartum program
- **\$15 reward** for visiting an OB-GYN and completing a prenatal visit
- **\$15 reward** for completing a postpartum visit with your OB-GYN



Talk to your health care provider. **BE INFORMED. ASK QUESTIONS.**

**HumanaBeginnings™**

**800-322-2758** extension **1500290** Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Eastern time

\*Note: members do not have to enroll and complete the HumanaBeginnings Program to earn rewards for prenatal and/or postpartum visits with their OB/GYN

1. Prenatal visit with OB-GYN must occur during the first trimester or within 42 days of enrolling with the plan. Postpartum visit with OB-GYN must occur between 7 -84 days after delivery.

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