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## FIRST TRIMESTER



### WEEKS 1-4

Fertilized egg travels down the fallopian tube and implants into the uterine lining.



### WEEKS 5-8

Tiny buds for arms, legs, eyes, and ears begin to form; the baby's heart starts beating around week 6.



### WEEKS 9-13

Fingers, toes, fingernails, and toenails develop. The fetus can start making small movements.

## SECOND TRIMESTER



### WEEKS 14-17

The baby's sex organs become visible, and with an ultrasound, the gender may be determined.



### WEEKS 18-22

The fetus grows rapidly in size and weight. Hair begins to grow on the baby's head (lanugo) and eyebrows.



### WEEKS 23-27

Lung development continues, but they are not yet mature enough for the baby to survive outside the womb.

## THIRD TRIMESTER



### WEEKS 28-31

The fetus begins to gain body fat. Brain activity becomes more complex.



### WEEKS 32-35

The fetus often moves into the head-down position to prepare for birth. The lungs continue to mature in preparation for breathing air.



### WEEKS 36-40

The baby gains more fat in preparation for birth. Labor can begin at any time during this month, though some babies arrive earlier or later.

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