

# YOUR QUICK PREGNANCY GUIDE

## Once your baby is born

Home anywhere from 2 hours to 4 days. Your midwife will visit within the first 24 hours and is always contactable by phone if you need any help.

## Do you think you are pregnant?

Visit your GP, midwife or a family planning clinic for a free pregnancy test. For a healthy baby take folic acid and Iodine, no alcohol, become smokefree.

## 40-42 weeks

Careful monitoring once you reach 41 weeks, or if there are any concerns, your midwife will organise a specialist visit for a plan around inducing labour.

## Weeks 37-40

Prepare for birth. Talk with your midwife, finalise birth plan. Your midwife may suggest you have a scan to check baby's growth.

## Weeks 29-36

Pregnancy may start becoming uncomfortable. Attend a breastfeeding class.

## Weeks 24-28

Blood tests to screen for Gestational (pregnancy) diabetes, low iron levels and antibodies. Talk with your midwife about your Birth Plan. Attend your Bump, Birth & Baby classes to prepare for labour and taking baby home. Stock up on baby gear and organise your carseat.

## Weeks 21-24

Keep up a healthy diet and gentle exercise.

## Weeks 18-22

Ultrasound scan often called the Anatomy scan to check baby is growing well. You may be able to find out sex.

## Weeks 4-8

Find a midwife. Gentle exercise is good for baby and you too. Not smokefree yet? Talk to your midwife about smoking cessation support.

## Week 7-10

You should have your first visit with your midwife.

## Week 10

By the end of week 10 you should have had blood tests to check you and your baby are healthy.

## Weeks 9-13

Your midwife or GP will offer you a ultrasound scan (1st trimester combined screening) to check baby is growing properly.

## Weeks 14-20

Time to book Antenatal Classes - *Bump, Birth & Baby* is a **FREE** class. Phone 8788109 ext: 6186. Text 027 531 6242 or Email:bbb@hbdhb.govt.nz You can stop Folic acid tablets - keep taking iodine.



**The most important thing to do is to find a midwife**

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