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# Your first steps during pregnancy are so important.



Healthy First Steps® is a program offered through your health plan, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan. We are your special source for help during your pregnancy. We work with you and your health care provider to help you have the best pregnancy experience possible. And we'll help you take healthy steps all along the way.

## Be sure to take these 3 Healthy First Steps.

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### Choose a pregnancy provider.

Learn about your options on the next page. If you haven't selected a provider yet, you can:

- Call the Healthy First Steps Helpline at 1-800-599-5985. We can help you find someone close to you.
- Search online using the secure member portal, [myuhc.com/CommunityPlan.com](http://myuhc.com/CommunityPlan.com)

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### Schedule and go to your first prenatal visit.

- Schedule an appointment with a doctor or nurse midwife as soon as you know you are pregnant.
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### Go to ALL of your prenatal and postpartum visits.

- This is one of the most important things you can do to ensure you and your baby stay healthy.
- It's important to go to all your prenatal visits, even if you've had a healthy pregnancy before. Each pregnancy is different. You owe it to yourself and your baby to make these visits a priority.
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## Choosing a pregnancy provider.

We'll help you find a provider that's a good fit for you. Choose from several types of providers. Don't delay. It's important to see your provider early and often during your pregnancy.

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### OB/GYN

(Obstetrician/Gynecologist)

An OB/GYN is a doctor who specializes in both women's health and delivering babies. Most pregnant women choose to see an OB/GYN.



### Family practice doctor

This type of doctor can care for all members of your family. They can take care of you before, during and after your pregnancy, and can sometimes deliver your baby. Not all family doctors deliver babies, so check with the doctor before choosing him or her.



### Nurse midwife

A midwife is a trained health professional who helps healthy women during pregnancy, labor, delivery, and after the birth of their babies.



### What is a network provider?

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### Your partner during pregnancy.

The relationship between you and your pregnancy provider is an important one. You will share a number of special events together, including learning your due date, hearing your baby's heartbeat, seeing an ultrasound and monitoring your baby's growth.

Your health, and the health of your baby, is your provider's priority. They know pregnancy is an exciting time. They also know it can be uncomfortable, confusing, and even scary. You can trust your provider with personal questions and concerns.



# Plan for a healthy pregnancy.



## Things that can put your pregnancy at risk.

Your provider will go over these and other topics with you. If you have questions or concerns, be sure to mention it to your provider. You can also call the Healthy First Steps Helpline.



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### Substance use support.

Call toll-free at **1-855-780-5955** or visit **liveandworkwell.com** recovery to use live chat. Available 24/7. This is a confidential and no-cost service. Your personal information will be kept confidential in accordance with state and federal laws.

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### Prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines

Ask your doctor before taking any medicine. This is even true for store-bought medicines such as aspirin, acetaminophen or cough medicine. Tell them about anything you were taking before you were pregnant.



### Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI)

Being pregnant does not protect you or your baby from STIs. Be sure to practice safe sex even when pregnant. STIs can be passed from you to your baby and can cause serious problems. If you currently have an STI and it is not being treated, talk to your doctor immediately. It could hurt your baby.



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- Are overweight.
- Have a family history of diabetes.
- Have had a previous unexplained stillbirth.
- Have had gestational diabetes before.
- Are African-American, Native American, Asian American, Hispanic, Latina or Pacific Islander.
- Gave birth to a baby weighing more than 9½ pounds.

If left untreated, gestational diabetes can cause health problems for both you and your baby.



# What you can expect.



## Pregnancy is divided into three stages called trimesters.

Each one is three months long. Here's a quick guide to what happens in each stage.

### 1st Trimester (Months 1–3)

#### What to Expect

You can't see it, but your body is going through big changes. It's starting to care for your growing baby. You might have upset an stomach, mood swings, tiredness or heartburn.



#### Your provider visits

After your first visit, which should take place as soon as you know you're pregnant, you'll see your doctor every 4 weeks. You will:

- Get a complete physical exam.
- Have routine tests.
- Talk about your medical history. This information will help you and your baby get the best care.
- Figure out your baby's due date.
- Learn about the importance of eating well, prenatal vitamins, exercising and other healthy life choices.



#### Baby's development

During this stage:

- The brain, spinal cord, heart and other organs begin to form and facial features can be seen.
- By 12 weeks, your baby may be close to 3 inches long. He or she may weigh about 1/2 ounce.

### 2nd Trimester (Months 4–6)

#### What to Expect

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During this stage:

- Baby will start to move and kick, and their hair begins to grow.
- By the end of this stage, he or she may be about 12 inches long and weigh 1.5 to 2 pounds.

### 3rd trimester (Months 7–9)

#### What to Expect

This is the stage with the fastest growth. Your baby may gain 1/2 pound a week during the last month.



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- Eyes begin to open, and eyebrows and lashes are formed. Bones become fully developed.
- By week 39, your baby is full-term and may turn upside-down to get ready for birth.
- Babies aren't fully developed until at least 39 weeks of pregnancy. If there's no medical reason to deliver your baby early, your best option is to wait.
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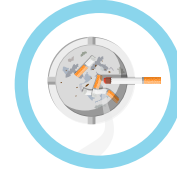


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