

Induction of Labor

Your induction of labor has been scheduled for:

Date: _____ @ _____

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| Saint Joseph's Hospital | 602-406-3521 |
| Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center | 602-239-6700 |
| Phoenix Baptist Hospital | 602-246-5732 |
| John C. Lincoln Hospital | 602-331-5800 |

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Please call the hospital at least one hour before your scheduled time to make sure that there is a bed available. On any given day the hospital may be busy and unable to bring you in at your exact scheduled time. If you are told to wait, make sure that the hospital has a current number to contact you. You will always get in, but it may take as much as DAYS to get in for your induction.

Induction FAQ's

1) How will I be induced?

Induction depends upon the readiness of the cervix. Thus it may require medicines placed in the vagina or given IV. Sometimes it is possible to break the bag of waters.

2) How long will it take to have my baby?

Depending upon how many babies that you've had and how open your cervix is, it may take hours or DAYS... In general if it is your first baby it will take at least a day to induce. It is not unusual to be admitted and not deliver until the next day.

3) Are there any risks to being induced?

In general, for a patient who has enjoyed a healthy pregnancy, there are no increased risks to you or your baby. The greatest risk for most pregnancies, whether induced or not, is a caesarian section. While inductions do not raise this risk, the decision for a c-section will be determined as the labor progresses. If there is a history of a previous c-section, large baby, high blood pressure, or placental problems, these will affect the ability to be induced and the progression of the labor.

4) Does induction change any of my options in labor?

In general, no. The same rooms and nursing staff are used for the inductions just as they are for spontaneous labor. Depending upon the type of induction, you may not be able to walk, shower or eat. Pain medications are available to you throughout your labor course, but there are restrictions as to when you may receive them. Depending upon how fast your labor is progressing and how close you are to delivery, you may not be able to have certain medications. Epidurals are usually NOT given until we know that your labor is progressing well.

5) Is there a chance that my induction will not work?

While most inductions are successful, there is a small chance that you may go home without delivering. If all options have been used and there is no progression towards delivery, patients may go home because the induction did not work. In general, this is simply because the mother's body is not ready for the induction, NOT BECAUSE THE MOTHER NEEDS A C-SECTION. Many times, an induction done later in pregnancy will be more successful. In the event that the bag of water has ruptured and/or there is a medical necessity to the induction, going home will not be an option.

Remember, labor was meant to be spontaneous and routinely after nine months of a healthy pregnancy. Induction prior to the time when your baby would normally have come can mean a longer and more difficult labor course for the mother. Please ask questions if you have any...

My induction is at SJH PBH GSRMC JCL on: _____

I will call the hospital one hour before my scheduled time for induction.

My Group B beta STREP status is Negative Positive Unknown

Signed _____ date _____

Witness _____ date _____

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Statement of Person Obtaining Consent

Before _____ signed the consent form, I explained to him/her the nature of the sterilization operation, TUBAL CAUTERY, the fact that it is intended to be a final and irreversible procedure and the discomforts, risks and benefits associated with it. I counseled the individual to be sterilized that alternative methods of birth control are available which are temporary. I explained that sterilization is different because it is permanent. I informed the individual to be sterilized that his/her consent can be withdrawn at any time and that he/she will not lose any health services or any benefits provided by Federal funds. To the best of my knowledge and belief the individual to be sterilized is at least 21 years old and appears mentally competent. He/She knowingly and voluntarily requested to be sterilized and appears to understand the nature and consequences of the procedure.

Signature of person obtaining consent

Date

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Physician's Statement

Shortly before I performed a sterilization operation upon _____ on _____ I explained to him/her the nature of the sterilization operation, TUBAL CAUTERY, the fact that it is intended to be a final and irreversible procedure and the discomforts, risks, and benefits associated with it.

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(Instructions for use of alternative final paragraphs: Use the first paragraph below except in the case of premature delivery or emergency abdominal surgery where the sterilization is performed less than 30 days after the date of the individual's signature on the consent form. In those cases, the second paragraph below must be used. Cross out the paragraph which is not used)

(1) At least thirty days have passed between the date of the individual's signature on this consent form and the date the sterilization was performed.

(2) This sterilization was performed less than 30 days but more than 72 hours after the date of the individual's signature on this consent form because of the following circumstances (check applicable box and fill in information requested):

Premature delivery

Individual's expected date of delivery: _____

Emergency abdominal surgery:

(describe circumstances):

Physician

date