



## WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

Anchor of Hope is committed to giving you the answers you need. Only you can make the final decision concerning your pregnancy. However, in order to do so you need reliable information.

### RESOURCES

Web MD: First Trimester of Pregnancy



Mayo Clinic: Fetal Development



Self-Care During Pregnancy



Fingerprint Sourcebook



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# Pregnancy

## INFORMATION GUIDE



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# FIRST 12 WEEKS

**WEEK 1** Last menstrual period. Uterus is thickening to prepare for fertilized egg.

**WEEK 2** Ovulation and conception.

**WEEK 3** Sperm and egg have merged and travel down fallopian tube.

**WEEK 4** Attachment to uterus. Cells start dividing into all future organs. Amniotic and yolk sac forming.

**WEEK 5** Two tubes are formed: one for brain and spinal cord, the other for the heart which soon after begins beating.

**WEEK 6** Eyes, lungs, limb buds, and digestive system begin forming. Brain and spinal cord developed.

**WEEK 7** Limbs are sprouting out. Tongue forming. Hair growth is starting.

**WEEK 8** Face taking shape with eyes, nose, ears and upper lip. Bones forming. Webbed fingers and toes present.

**WEEK 9** Legs fully formed. Movement begins. Internal reproductive organs forming.

**WEEK 10** Profile well defined. Eyes are open. Brain connections are forming. Fingers and toes no longer webbed. Fingerprint ridges start forming from friction.

**WEEK 11** Fingernails and irises in the eyes are forming. External genitalia start forming.

**WEEK 12** Kidneys start producing urine and teeth are forming.

## SELF-CARE TIPS

**1** Eat a nutritionally balanced diet including plenty of calcium & iron.

**2** Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated.

**3** Dieting for weight loss is not recommended during pregnancy.

**4** Continue exercise in a normal routine unless advised otherwise by your doctor.

**5** Your doctor may recommend prenatal vitamins with folic acid & iron.

**6** Do not smoke, drink alcohol, or use illegal drugs.



**7** Give yourself time to rest.

**8** Do not discontinue prescribed medications without consulting a doctor, but also consult with a doctor before taking any non-prescription medication.

**9** Create a group of safe people to support you.

**10** Follow instructions on miscarriage & ectopic pregnancy handout if necessary.