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Home Birth

Reasons for transfer from home to hospital

Although you may have made the decision to have your baby at home, sometimes situations arise during your labour, birth and after your birth that make it necessary to go to the hospital. Some of the reasons you may have to go to the hospital are:

- Long Labour
- If the fetal heart rate is not normal
- Too much bleeding during labour
- Too much bleeding after the birth
- Difficulty delivering the baby's shoulder
- Baby is in a breech position (bum first)
- Baby needs help to start breathing
- Meconium (baby stool) is present in the amniotic fluid
- More than one hour passes before the placenta is born
- Having a vaginal or perineal tear that cannot be repaired by the midwife

Homebirth has been shown to be a safe alternative to hospital birth when the mother is healthy and there are no complications with the pregnancy.

If any of these situations arise during your homebirth, transferring to the hospital is the best way that we can provide safe care to you and your baby.