



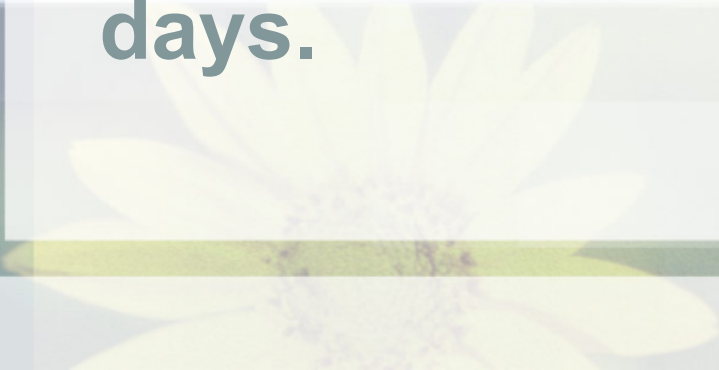
# Pregnancy

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# Conception



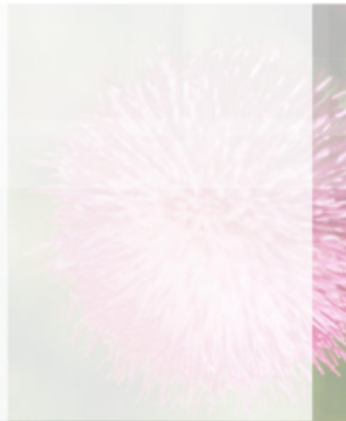
- About once each month, an ovum- a female cell or egg is released by one of a woman's ovaries.
- The egg then moves through the fallopian tube to the uterus- the organ in a woman's body in which a baby develops during pregnancy.
- This journey takes about 2 to 3 days.



# Period of Zygote



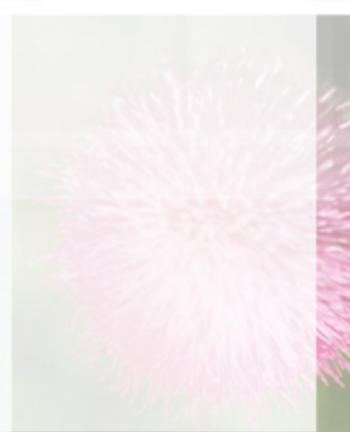
- This is the first stage of development.
- It lasts about 2 weeks
- Egg attaches to lining of uterus



# Period of the Embryo

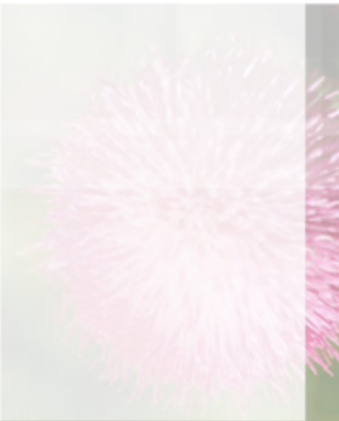


- This is the second stage of pregnancy.
- The embryo is the developing baby from about the third through the eighth weeks of pregnancy.
- During this time the embryo is growing rapidly and lots of changes are occurring.
- Brain and spinal cord development.





Refer to handout on the stages of fetal development and review the stages.



# Period of the Fetus



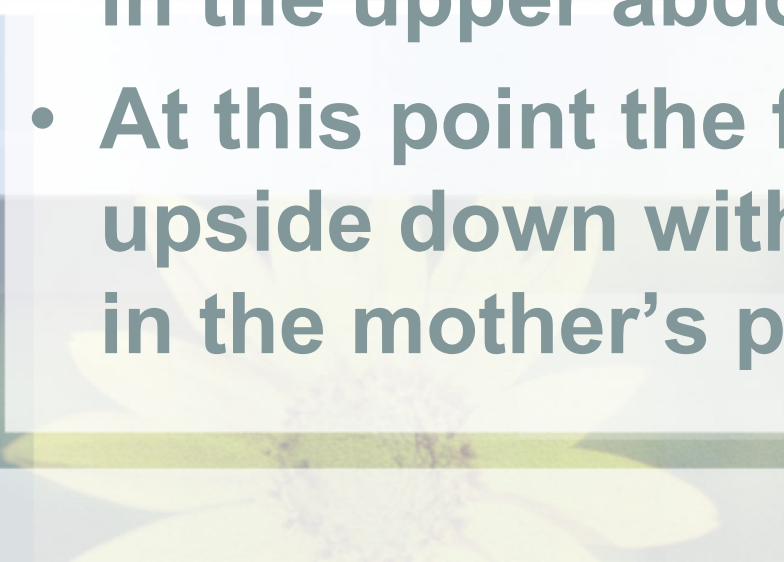
- This is the third and last stage of pregnancy.
- This stage begins about the eight or ninth week and lasts until birth.
- It is during the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> month that the mom will feel kicks and movement from the fetus.
- By the 7<sup>th</sup> month the fetus is capable of living outside the uterus.



# Preparing For Birth



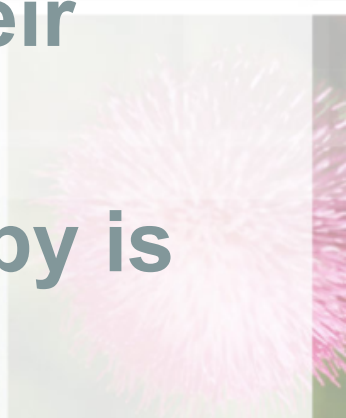
- Sometime during the usually the 9<sup>th</sup> month the mother will experience “lightening”.
- Lightening is where the baby has dropped into the birth canal and the mother feels more comfortable in the upper abdomen.
- At this point the fetus is usually upside down with the head nestled in the mother’s pelvis.



# Preparing for Birth contd.



- The mother's abdominal skin is stretched to maximum capacity.
  - The abdominal muscles are stretched too.
- \*\*\*The muscles and skin of the mother's abdomen can be stretched up to 60 times their original size.
- After 37 to 41 weeks the baby is ready to be born.

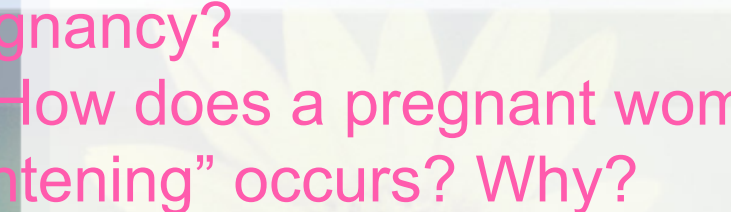






# Please Answer these questions on a separate sheet of paper:

(Complete in complete sentences.)

1. What happens during the period of the zygote?  
How long does it last?
  2. What changes might a pregnant woman feel in the period of the zygote and embryo?
  3. What four changes take place in the period of the embryo?
  4. What are the most important changes that take place in a fetus during the last two months of pregnancy?
  5. How does a pregnant woman feel when “lightening” occurs? Why?
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