

Information on Assisted Birth For Consent

Information for patients



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This booklet uses easy words and pictures.

You might want to ask someone to help you read it.

birth



If your baby is struggling to be born vaginally your doctor will help.

This is called an assisted birth.



If the Doctor does not assist the birth there is a risk you or your baby will be harmed or could die.

risk



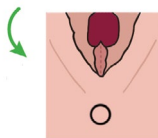
There are some risks to having an Assisted Birth.

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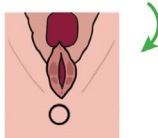


You need to understand these risks to make the decision to have this.

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2nd Degree



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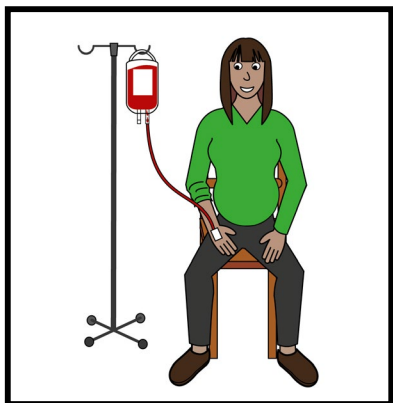


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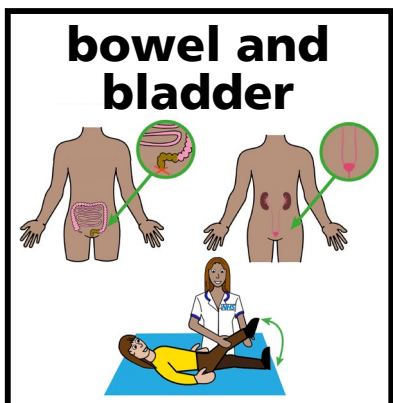


You might get a tear in your vagina.

Doctors will repair this afterwards.



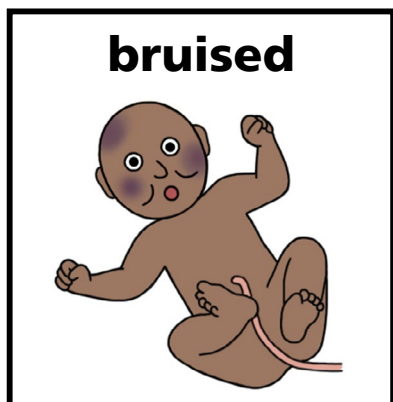
You might have a heavy bleed and require a blood transfusion.



bowel and bladder

You may have problems with your bowel or bladder control afterwards.

You will get ongoing support with this.

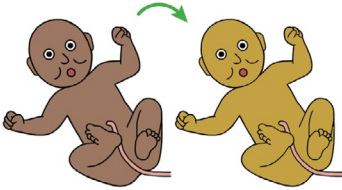


bruised

Baby's face or head will usually be bruised.

This is temporary and should heal.

jaundice



Your baby's skin may be yellow.

This usually goes in a few days with treatment.

under scalp bleeding



Bleeding or bruising under the scalp this is not harmful to the baby.

bleeding to the brain



Bleeding to the brain this is uncommon.

injury to facial nerves



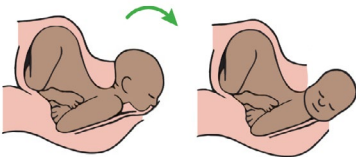
Injury to the facial nerves but this is rare.

care for you

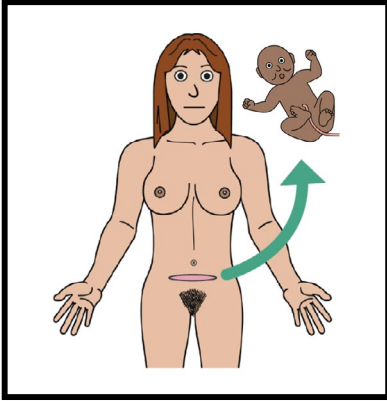


There are some other procedures that the doctors and midwives might do.

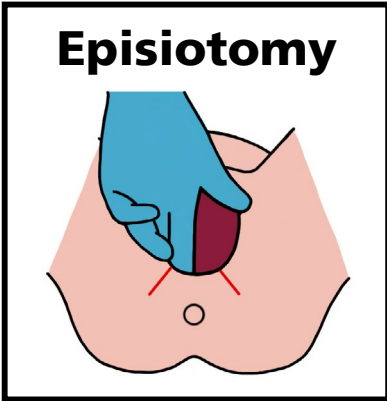
Rotate baby's head



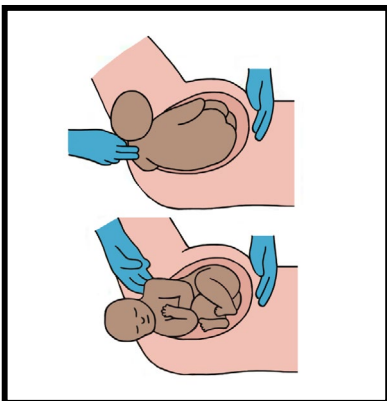
Rotate the baby's head so it is in a better position.



If assisted birth is not helping your baby be born you might need a caesarean section.



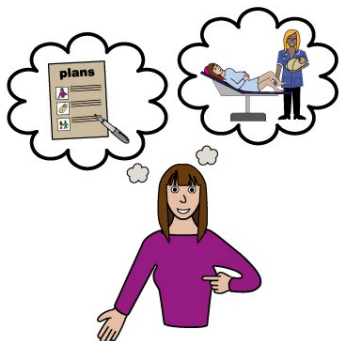
Episiotomy: this is where the doctor or midwife will make a little cut to your vagina.



This is to allow the baby more space to be born.

And reduce the risk of you tearing.

anxious



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This information can be scary to read but it is important to give you all the information.

Sometimes these decisions need to be made very quickly to keep everyone safe.

We have other easy reads to help explain the procedures.



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