## **Kick Counts**

Healthy babies move many times a day. Active babies are healthy babies! Start kick counts in your seventh month, or at 28 weeks. **Ask your medical provider for your start date:** 

#### How to do kick counts:

- Try just after you eat. Your baby is most active then.
- Sit, or lie down on your left side.
- Check what time you start.
- Put your hands on your belly.
- Count how many times your baby moves.
   A "move" is any kick, wiggle, twist, turn, roll, or stretch.
- Count up to 10 moves.
- If your baby moves 10 times in the first hour, you can stop counting.

# If your baby doesn't move 10 times in the first hour, don't worry.

Your baby may be sleeping. Here's what you can do:

- Eat or drink something.
- Walk around for 5 minutes.
- Then repeat kick counts for another hour.

#### Call your medical provider right away if:

- You do not feel 10 moves in the second hour.
- You feel the baby kick, twist, or turn a lot more than usual.

Your medical provider will tell you what to do.

Medical provider's phone number:
When we are closed, call:
This handout belongs to:



"Yesterday morning I did kick counts for two hours and didn't feel my baby move. I called my doctor and told her. She called the emergency room to tell them I was coming to get my baby checked.

When I got to the hospital, they told me my baby was having trouble. They said it was a good thing I came in. They saved my baby and now I have my healthy son."

-- Sylvia, 25 years old

Practice here.	
Sunday	Monday
Start time <u>9:30</u> ✓ kick 1  ✓ kick 2  ✓ kick 3  ✓ kick 4  ✓ kick 5  ✓ kick 6  ✓ kick 7  ✓ kick 8  ✓ kick 9  ✓ kick 10	Start kick 1 kick 2 kick 3 kick 4 kick 5 kick 6 kick 7 kick 8 kick 9 kick 10

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Fill in dates for the week. For each day, fill in the time you start. Make a check each time you feel a kick. Fill in the time you end. Show this chart to your medical provider at each visit.

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Start time	Start	Start	Start	Start	Start	Start
kick 1	kick 1	kick 1	kick 1	kick 1	kick 1	kick 1
kick 2	kick 2	kick 2	kick 2	kick 2	kick 2	kick 2
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kick 6	kick 6	kick 6	kick 6	kick 6	kick 6	kick 6
kick 7	kick 7	kick 7	kick 7	kick 7	kick 7	kick 7
kick 8	kick 8	kick 8	kick 8	kick 8	kick 8	kick 8
kick 9	kick 9	kick 9	kick 9	kick 9	kick 9	kick 9
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End time	End	End	End	End	End	End

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