

Cesarean Delivery

Cesarean delivery is a method used to deliver your baby through an abdominal incision. Cesarean delivery is used for many indications including but not limited to suspected fetal distress, labor that does not progress to vaginal delivery, breech presentation, uterine malformations, prior uterine surgery, suspected large baby, and maternal choice. Some cesareans are planned in advance however; the procedure may need to be performed while you are in labor. It is important for you to understand the risk associated with Cesarean section even if you are planning a vaginal birth.

Risks of Cesarean birth include the risk of anesthetic, bleeding requiring blood transfusion, infection, damage to bowel or bladder or ureters, postoperative scarring internally, blood clots (DVT) that may lead to life threatening pulmonary embolism, placental attachment problems during subsequent pregnancies, possible need for future cesarean deliveries. Although precautions will be taken to protect your safety, no surgical procedure is without risk.

By signing below, I confirm that I have spoken with my doctor regarding the risks of surgery as well as the alternatives available to me. In addition I have read and accept the risks described above and consent to the procedure listed. If I am planning a vaginal birth, my signature below indicates my consent to undergo cesarean delivery in emergent situations during which I may not be able to fully consent under normal circumstances.

Name _____

Date _____

Procedure _____

Doctor _____