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## Are you considering a natural hospital birth?

If so, you're not alone. More and more women are choosing to have natural hospital births, and for good reason. Natural hospital births offer the best of both worlds: the safety and security of a hospital setting with the comfort and freedom of a natural birth.

## What is a natural hospital birth?

A natural hospital birth is a birth that takes place in a hospital setting without the use of pain medication or other interventions. This means that you will experience labor and delivery without an epidural, Pitocin, or other medical interventions.

## What are the benefits of a natural hospital birth?

There are many benefits to having a natural hospital birth, including:

\* **Reduced risk of complications:** Natural hospital births have been shown to be associated with a reduced risk of complications, such as cesarean section, hemorrhage, and infection. \* **Shorter labor:** Women who have natural hospital births tend to have shorter labors than women who have medicated births. \* **More control over the birth experience:** When you have a natural hospital birth, you are in control of your own birth experience. You can choose to move around, change positions, and make decisions about your care. \* **Greater satisfaction with the birth experience:** Women who have natural hospital births tend to be more satisfied with their birth experience than women who have medicated births.

### **What are the risks of a natural hospital birth?**

There are some risks associated with natural hospital birth, but these risks are relatively small. These risks include:

\* **Pain:** Labor can be painful, and you will not have any pain medication during a natural hospital birth. However, there are many things you can do to manage pain during labor, such as using relaxation techniques, breathing exercises, and massage. \* **Hemorrhage:** Hemorrhage is a risk of all births, but it is more common in natural hospital births. However, the risk of hemorrhage can be reduced by having a skilled birth attendant present. \* **Infection:** Infection is a risk of all births, but it is more common in natural hospital births. However, the risk of infection can be reduced by following good hygiene practices and having a skilled birth attendant present.

### **What should I expect during a natural hospital birth?**

Labor and delivery will vary from woman to woman, but there are some general things you can expect during a natural hospital birth:

\* **Early labor:** Early labor is the first stage of labor and can last for several hours. During this stage, your contractions will be mild and irregular. \* **Active labor:** Active labor is the second stage of labor and can last for several hours. During this stage, your contractions will become more intense and regular. \* **Transition:** Transition is the third stage of labor and can last for several minutes. During this stage, your contractions will be the most intense and you may feel nauseous or vomit. \* **Pushing:** Pushing is the fourth stage of labor and can last for several minutes. During this stage, you will push your baby out. \* **Delivery:** Delivery is the fifth and final stage of labor and occurs when your baby is born.

### **How can I create a birth plan that meets my needs?**

A birth plan is a document that outlines your preferences for your labor and delivery. It is a good idea to create a birth plan with your doctor or midwife before your due date. Your birth plan should include information about the following:

\* Pain management: What pain management options do you want to use during labor and delivery? \* Positions: What positions do you want to use during labor and delivery? \* Interventions: What interventions do you want to avoid during labor and delivery? \* Support people: Who do you want to be present during labor and delivery?

Natural hospital birth is a safe and rewarding experience for many women. If you are considering a natural hospital birth, it is important to talk to your

doctor or midwife to learn more about the benefits and risks. You should also create a birth plan that meets your needs.



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