

What to Expect: For Families of Babies with Premature Lungs



Thank you for watching the video on what you might experience with your premature baby with underdeveloped lungs.

Here is a list of questions that may be helpful when you talk to your baby's medical team. You do not have to ask these questions. They are here if they are helpful to you.

PREMATURE LUNGS

- I want to better understand premature lung disease. Will you explain it to me?
- How severe is my baby's lung disease?
- Will my baby have lung disease for the rest of their life?
- How are growth and lung disease connected?
- When will we know if my baby needs medicines for their lungs?

PROLONGED HOSPITALIZATION

- My baby still needs breathing support. What does this tell me about their lungs?
- How will I know if there is stress on my baby's heart from their lungs?
- How will the medical team know that my baby does not need breathing support anymore?
- When will my baby be able to eat by mouth?
- Will my baby ever be able to breastfeed?
- When will you know how long my baby will be in the NICU?
- What is a rehabilitation hospital, and will my baby need one?

HOME MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

- What type of medical technology could my baby need?
- When will we know if my baby will need medical technology at home?

DEVELOPMENT

- The video talks about delays in development. What does this mean?
- How will I know if my baby will have developmental delays?
- How will I know if my baby needs therapy to help with their development?

RECURRENT ILLNESSES

- Do you think my baby will need to be in the hospital again after he goes home?
- What can I do at home to keep my baby from getting sick?

ASTHMA

- What is asthma?
- Are there signs now that my baby will have asthma later?

PREMATURITY

- How can I learn more about premature babies and lung disease?