

What Kids Wanna Know

What if a baby dies?

- An egg that gets fertilized by sperm doesn't always grow into a baby. Sometimes it just gets reabsorbed into the body. Sometimes a fertilized egg does start to develop into a baby but for reasons we don't always understand it wouldn't be able to survive outside the uterus. In that case, the pregnancy ends naturally. We call this a miscarriage.

Does the baby pee and poop inside the uterus?

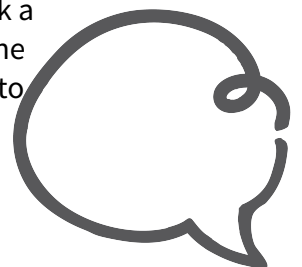
- Believe it or not, babies do pee (urinate) inside the uterus! It just floats around in the amniotic sac and is not dangerous for the baby. The baby produces waste, but not in the form of poop (stool). Most of the waste goes back through the umbilical cord and is processed in the pregnant person's body.

What is the umbilical cord made of?

- The umbilical cord is mostly made up of connective tissue known as Wharton's Jelly and has very few cells. It has blood vessels that transport oxygen and nutrients between the pregnant person's body and the baby

Can two moms or two dads have a baby?

- There are many different ways to become parents and they don't always involve sex (the penis being placed inside the vagina to deliver the sperm to the egg). For example, a gay couple might choose to adopt a baby or child. Or they might ask a special doctor to help them join an egg with a sperm, either inside or outside the body. And sometimes, if neither partner has a uterus, they ask another person to carry their baby for them.



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How exactly do the penis and the vagina come together to make a baby?

- When two people want to have sex they would usually go somewhere private like a bedroom. They would take off their clothes (at least the ones that cover the genitals) and lie very close together. When the penis is ready to deliver sperm, it goes hard (erect) and that makes it easier for it to be placed inside vagina. But let's remember that people don't have sex just to make a baby, right? They also have sex to show their love and affection for one another and to experience pleasure together.

Why are babies born with disabilities?

- We don't always know. Sometimes it's genetic, meaning the disability was passed down in the family, but most of the time it's a fluke, something just happens during the baby's development that causes the disability and we don't know why. The important thing is that the baby is supported by adults to live a happy and healthy life with their disability.

