

## Fetal Movement (Kick) Counts Begin at 30 weeks gestation

- Counting fetal movements within a specified time period is an evaluation of fetal well being. An active baby is a sign that the placenta is working well.
- 2. Count your baby's movements following a main meal, while lying down or sitting quietly. Try to carry out the counts at the same time each day to minimize variations due to baby's wake and sleep patterns.
- 3. Note a starting time after the first movement felt, count 8 movements and note an ending time.
- 4. If you do not feel your baby move 8 times in two hours, drink a caffeinated beverage (coke, mountain dew, etc), wait 20 minutes and restart your kick count. If you continue not to feel your baby move 8 times in 2 hours, call our office for further instructions.

## **Fetal Movement Record**

Date	Start time	End Time	# Movements	Remarks

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