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What is a high-risk pregnancy?

A high-risk or complicated pregnancy simply means a pregnancy that may be more likely than others to experience problems. Importantly, it certainly does *not* mean that problems are expected; rather, that extra care and vigilance needs to be taken to be sure all risk factors are anticipated, identified, and minimised, to maximise a woman's chance of an uncomplicated pregnancy and delivery.

What makes a pregnancy high-risk?

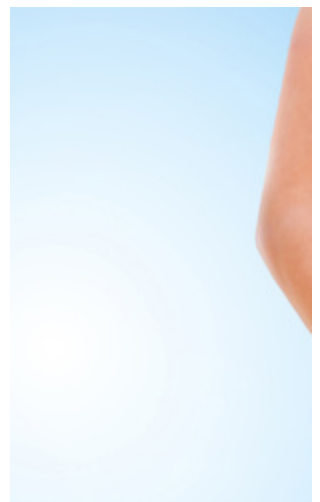
Risk factors may result from conditions affecting the mother, such as high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, or being overweight or underweight. They may be based on previous pregnancy complications, such as a history of preterm birth or heavy bleeding after delivery. Finally, risk factors may relate to the pregnancy itself, such as when a mother is expecting twins. Sometimes risk factors aren't apparent at the start of a pregnancy, but develop during the course of pregnancy, such as gestational diabetes, blood pressure disorders, or growth problems with

How are high-risk pregnancies managed?

High-risk pregnancies are best managed by a specialist. Each pregnancy is unique, and no single approach suits all. The first approach is to determine and rationalise any risk factors, both at your initial visit and during subsequent consultations. I will discuss these implications with you, to tailor and plan appropriate management for you and your baby. My practice philosophy places great importance on the education and involvement of my patients in their management to an informed decision-making process, whilst also providing leadership and clear recommendations, where appropriate. Additional specialists are arranged, such as a Physician or Neonatologist (baby specialist).

David practices evidence-based medicine, and strives to ensure all conditions that may complicate a pregnancy are managed in accordance with the latest literature and published guidelines.

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