

You have been diagnosed with preterm labor, before 36 weeks gestation. At this point you have two options in your care.

1. You may remain at St. Elizabeth Hospital (SEH) to deliver your baby.
2. You may request a transfer to a facility with a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) like St. Joseph's or Tacoma General both in Tacoma, WA.

SEH has a level 1 nursery, which means that we may care for healthy, uncomplicated pregnancies and babies born at 35 - 40 weeks gestation as long a they are stable.

Your baby may remain in the nursery for up to six hours after birth to allow for close observation. Your baby may be transferred at any point during the six hours, if the care team determines that your baby meets the requirements of a NICU.

At six hours if the care team has determined that your baby is not stable enough to let him/her room in with you, your baby will be transferred.

We will do our best to transfer you to the same facility or discharge you as soon as possible, but we cannot guarantee this will happen. It is our responsibility to make sure that you are stable for transport or discharge. We also cannot guarantee that beds will be available for you at the same hospital that your baby will be transferred to.

Historically at SEH:

- 100% of babies born at less than 35 weeks are transferred to a facility with a NICU, typically St. Joseph's in Tacoma or Tacoma General.
- About 44% of babies born at 35-36 weeks are transferred.
- Babies born at 36-38 weeks had no more risk of being transferred than babies born at 38+ weeks.

The safest method of transport for your baby is always in utero (while you are still pregnant). If you and your physician decide that the risks outweigh the benefits, then arrangements will be made for your transfer to one of the facilities named above, as long as your condition allows.

**I have read and understand this information. I understand that the provider does not make any warranty with regard to any risks herein above revealed and that his/her opinions are based only upon presently reasonable possibilities. The alternative to induction of labor at SEH at less than 38 weeks is to be transferred to a facility with a NICU. I understand the risks and benefits of induction of labor and wish to proceed.**

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Physician Signature	Date	Time
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Registered Nurse Witness	Date	Time
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<b>CONSENT TO DELIVER AT 35-36 WEEKS        GESTATION AT        ST. ELIZABETH HOSPITAL</b>