

Preparing a birth plan will give you and your partner the opportunity to reflect on the various choices that are available during labour and childbirth. Be sure to discuss your wishes and concerns with your doctor, midwife or specialized nurse practitioner (SNP) before delivery.

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MY NAME IS:

**DURING MY DELIVERY, I WILL BE** ACCOMPANIED BY:

PREFERENCES REGARDING VAGINAL **EXAMINATIONS:** 

Performed at my request only

Performed when the medical team deems necessary

#### PREFERENCES DURING LABOUR:

Music

Dimmed lighting

Aromatherapy

Wear my own clothes

Be able to eat and drink when I want

Be able to move freely

#### PREFERRED PAIN RELIEF METHODS:

Bath or shower

Bonapace method

**Breathing and relaxation techniques** 

Reflexology or acupressure

Self-hypnosis

Sterile water injections

#### **ADDITIONAL PREFERENCES:**

Inform me of all interventions before they are performed

Limit the number of staff going in and out of my room

Keep medical students out of the room if possible

Use only handheld devices to periodically check my baby's condition

Keep the volume of the monitors low to help me relax

Exercise ball

Hot water bottle or Magic Bag

Massage

**TENS** 

PREFERENCES REGARDING PHARMACOLOGICAL PAIN RELIEF METHODS (NITROUS OXIDE, SEDATIVES, EPIDURAL):

Provided to relieve pain as necessary

Provided only if I request them

Explain the advantages and disadvantages of each method to me

INTERVENTIONS I WOULD PREFER TO AVOID IF POSSIBLE:

Balloon catheter

Episiotomy

Forceps or vacuum

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Local anaesthesia during the pushing stage

Prostaglandin gel or insert

PREFERRED STIMULATION TECHNIQUES IF LABOUR SLOWS DOWN:

Walking and movement

Reflexology

Amniotomy

Breast stimulation

Bath or shower

Injection of synthetic oxytocin

I would prefer to avoid artificial stimulation and allow my baby to come naturally



## 9 PREFERRED POSITIONS WHEN IT'S TIME TO PUSH:

Hands and knees

Reclining

Side lying

Sitting or semi-sitting

Squatting

Upright

#### 12 PREFERENCES ONCE MY BABY IS BORN:

Bring my baby to me immediately to initiate skin-to-skin contact

Have my birth partner hold my baby if I'm not ready

Wait two minutes after the birth before clamping and cutting the umbilical cord

Allow me to cut the umbilical cord myself

Have my birth partner cut the cord

# BIRTH PLAN

### 15 PREFERENCES REGARDING FEEDING:

Breastfeed (no infant formula)

Breastfeed and use infant formula only with my permission

Infant formula

Visit from a lactation consultant if I am having difficulty breastfeeding

#### 10 PREFERENCES AT THE PUSHING STAGE:

Have a mirror ready so I can view the birth

Use a birthing stool

Apply hot compresses to perineum

Have my birth partner participate

Advise me on how to push

Allow me to push following my instinct

No instructions out loud that could distract me

13 I AGREE THAT MY BABY WILL RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING MEDICAL CARE:

Airway suctioning (nose, mouth)

Bath after 24 hours of life

Vitamin K injection in the thigh

Antibiotic ointment in the eyes

I would like these procedures and my baby's examination to take place after the first feeding and to be done on me

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

## PREFERENCES IF A CAESAREAN SECTION IS NEEDED:

Preparatory care (shaving, urinary catheter) done after the anaesthetic has been administered

Birth partner present during surgery

PREFERENCES REGARDING THE DELIVERY OF THE PLACENTA:

Oxytocin injection to speed up placental delivery

Natural delivery, without intervention

Returned to me after delivery

Signature of mother

Signature of partner

Signature of doctor, midwife or SNP