

Subgaleal Hemorrhage (SGH) Risk

It can be normal for your baby's head to be a little swollen after your delivery. A subgaleal hemorrhage (SGH) is a type of swelling caused by blood. It can be very serious. We will watch your baby closely for this if we think there may be a risk.

You can expect these things for your baby if they are being watched for a SGH:

- Often stay in the hospital for at least 24 hours
- Making sure your baby gets vitamin K
- Checking the size of your baby's head many times (keep your baby's hat off)
- Lots of heart rate, temperature, and breathing checks for your baby

Questions from Parents:

Q: How long will the nurse check on my baby closely after the birth?

A: The nurse will check on your baby closely until 8 hours after your delivery. This is usually the time that we see signs of a SGH.

Q: What if my baby's head size goes up or my baby has other signs of a SGH?

A: Your nurse will let your healthcare provider know. Your team may have a special baby doctor come to see your baby.