

Jordan's Preemie Story

I went to the doctor on September 28, 2005 I was 28 weeks pregnant. At this visit I had the test for gestational diabetes and a sonogram. Everything was fine: Jordan, my unborn son, looked great! The next night I started having lower back pain and then abdominal pain. I called my doctor about these symptoms. She admitted me to the hospital. It turns out I was having preterm labor. They finally stopped it on and put me on bedrest. I started bleeding at 33 weeks. I went to the hospital and stayed there overnight. I felt something was wrong the following day.

I made an appointment to come in and see the doctor. They admitted me again to the hospital. I had been dilated from 2-3 cm for several weeks but now I was 3-4cm. I did not deliver though. They increased my dosage of terbutaline of 2.5 mg to 5 mg. I started to have contractions again that night and the next day- I was now 34 weeks. I had an appointment the next day at 9:15 am. I was dilated now to 6 cm. They admitted me back into the hospital this time I would deliver. I went from 6 cm to 10 cm within an hour or so. Jordan was born at 11:05 am weighed in at 5 lbs 1 oz and was 17" long. He had to be put on oxygen for 3 hours and given sugar water.

That following Sunday he was admitted for hypothermia. I was so scared and so was my husband. We had to get the pediatrician out of bed to come and admit him at 12:00 am to the hospital. Now, 3 weeks later, Jordan is 5 lbs 13 oz and 19 in long. He is my pride and joy. It is scary having a preemie.

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