



Medical Reasons for Induction

Reasons for inducing labor may include one or more of the following conditions:

- ✓ Your pregnancy is postterm (more than 42 weeks).
- ✓ You have high blood pressure caused by your pregnancy.
- ✓ You have health problems that could harm you or your baby. (i.e. heart condition, baby has intrauterine active herpes = c-section growth restriction etc.)
- ✓ You have an infection in the uterus.
- ✓ You have placental abruption (the placenta has begun to separate from the inner wall of the uterus before the baby is born). You may have your baby by cesarean birth in this situation. (accompanied by bleeding generally)
- ✓ You have premature rupture of membranes (your water has broken too early).

(Note: A large or even very large baby is not given as a medical reason for induction.)

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