

Respiratory Distress

- What is the main problem?
 - My baby is having trouble breathing. This can be due to:
 - Prematurity.
 - Extra fluid in my baby's lungs for a little while after they are born.
 - Air around my baby's lungs (Pneumothorax).
 - Meconium aspiration which means my baby breathed in fluids that had stool or poop in it during the delivery.
 - Stress of delivery:
 - The cord was around my baby's neck.
 - My baby's shoulders were stuck in the birth canal.
 - Blood flow through the cord was blocked during labor or delivery.
 - My baby breathed in amniotic fluid during the delivery.
- What do I need to know:
 - My baby may need to stay in the nursery to be watched closely.
 - My baby may need oxygen.
 - My baby may need a feeding tube to remove air from their stomach or to give feedings.
 - Chest x-rays and labs may be done to check for infection.
 - Treatment may include IV fluids and antibiotics.