

Questions to ask at your OB ultrasound

THREE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR BABY'S HEART



HEART DEFECTS ARE THE MOST COMMON

type of birth defect. In some cases, ultrasound examinations can detect heart defects while the baby is still in the womb. This will enable you to see a fetal cardiologist, find out more information and seek the best treatment for your baby.

Here are three questions you should ask the person performing your 18- to 22-week screening ultrasound.



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Do you see four chambers in the baby's heart?

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Are there two valves controlling flow from the upper chambers into the lower chambers?

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Are there two valves connecting to blood vessels that exit in the heart in a crossing fashion?

IF YOUR ULTRASOUND SHOWS A POSSIBLE HEART DEFECT, speak to your obstetrician about being referred to a fetal cardiologist as soon as possible.

Boston Children's Hospital's fetal cardiologists are available to diagnose potential heart defects, provide treatment when appropriate and educate families about the road ahead.

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