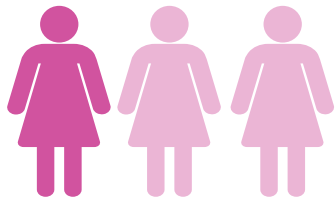


What's the Deal with Cesareans?

Many cesareans are unnecessary.

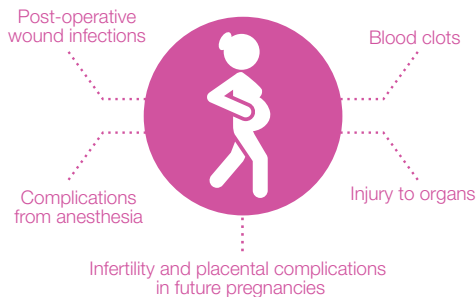


CESAREANS CAN SAVE LIVES BUT,

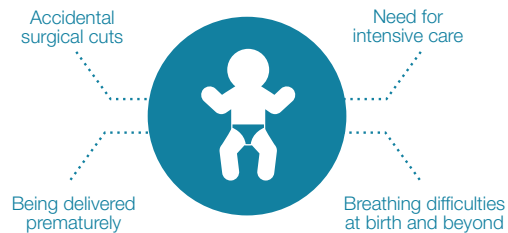
1 IN 3 WOMEN¹
HAVE CESAREANS IN THE U.S.
DOUBLE WHAT UNICEF AND THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION RECOMMEND.²

What are the risks?

MOMS



BABIES



Here are a few ways to reduce your risk of cesarean, and push for better care.



Get educated – take a Lamaze childbirth education class



Choose a provider and birth setting with low cesarean rates



Hire a doula for labor support



Let labor start on its own



Avoid "routine" interventions



Question a cesarean if you and your baby are in no immediate danger



Evaluate your options for vaginal birth after cesarean

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¹ Childbirth Connection, "Why is the National U.S. Cesarean Section Rate So High?" December 2012. <http://www.childbirthconnection.org/article.asp?clc=10456>

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