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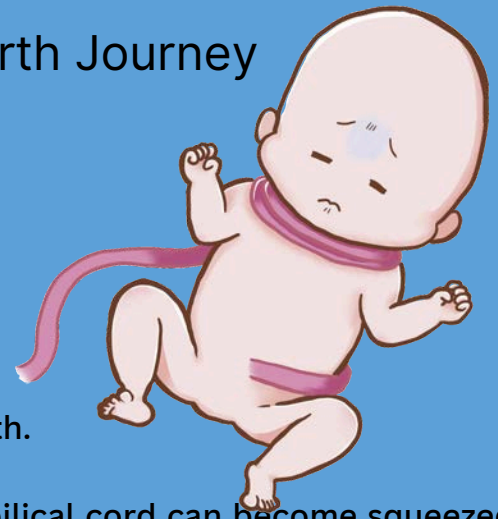
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# Safeguarding Your Baby's Birth Journey

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When talking about safeguarding your baby's birth journey from the umbilical cord squeezed to an HIE brain injury, we must explain umbilical cord compression. For some families, little is known about cord compression in general, not to mention the role it can play in an HIE brain injury at birth.

For today's post we will discuss three ways in which the umbilical cord can become squeezed or compressed. During labor and delivery, it is important to keep the lines of communication open with the medical professionals.

## *What Is A Squeezed Umbilical Cord?*

A squeezed umbilical cord, or umbilical cord compression, can reduce blood flow to the baby. Generally during labor and delivery medical professionals will see a change in the baby's heart rate as a first sign of cord compression.

In addition, there can be three ways in which cord compression can happen. First, if the cord wraps around the baby's neck or other body parts, cord compression can happen. Second, if the cord gets tangled or knotted this can lead to cord compression. Finally, if the cord becomes trapped between the baby and the wall of the uterus, cord compression can occur. Cord compression is more likely to happen if a mother has low amniotic fluid or after the water is broken. This is because the fluid provides space for the cord to float freely. Once that water is gone the space is no longer present. Also, mom's contractions during labor and delivery can sometimes compress the cord.

## *Safeguarding Your Baby's Birth Journey From The Umbilical Cord Squeezed To HIE*

The electronic fetal heart monitor can help doctors and nurses detect when a baby's cord might be compressed. A reading called a late deceleration can appear on the strip. If continuous late decelerations are present this can be a sign of serious problems for a baby. When cord compression is suspected doctors and nurses may get you to change position to relieve pressure on the cord. A soft and flexible catheter might be used to put fluids back into the uterus. If these measures are still not working, then an emergency C-section may be needed.

HIE, or hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy is a reduction, or cut-off of oxygenated blood which can lead to a brain injury. A review as to whether medical malpractice caused a baby's HIE brain injury will investigate things like if there are late decelerations, and if there are, what was done to resolve this issue. If there is no genetic or developmental cause of the HIE brain injury, then negligence must be investigated as a possibility. When talking about safeguarding your baby's birth journey from the umbilical cord squeezed to an HIE brain injury, these are some of the critical issues that are present.

# BLG In The Community

On Wednesday and Thursday, May 22nd and 23rd, 2024, Boston Law Group members Marcus Boston and Renee Boston, had the opportunity to visit the halls of Congress in Washington D.C.

We attended a lobby day on behalf of the American Association for Justice (AAJ), a national trial lawyers' group. A constant focus of AAJ is access to courts. Due to various laws and the application of some of these laws, many people have impediments in their path that often prevent their direct access to justice. Access to justice does not guarantee anyone a verdict or settlement on their behalf, but access to justice should give a person the ability to have their case or claims heard and evaluated by a factfinder (whether that be a judge or a jury). Spending time on Capitol Hill and speaking with representatives, staffers, lobbyists, and others opens a person's eyes to all of the moving parts of the legislative body of government.

If you have an opportunity to visit your state's capitol or if you would like more information on visiting the U.S. Capitol or the State House in Annapolis, feel free to contact us. It is important that the voting public understands what goes into creating a bill, voting on a bill, a bill passing through Congress and then landing on the President's desk to be voted into law, or the State's Legislature onto the Governor's desk.



# He Said/She Said

## Mike's Restaurant and Crabhouse

If you are ever in Annapolis, and looking for a lunch or dinner spot, Mike's is a great place to stop and enjoy yourself on the water. Renee and I had to take care of some business in Annapolis and we stopped at Mike's for lunch. Because the weather was nice outside, we decided to have lunch on the outdoor patio. First, I will say the establishment is huge. You will have plenty of space if you decide to eat inside or outside weather permitting.

He Said: For us, we decided to go with the dozen blue crabs, with crab balls as an appetizer. I will get straight to the point and tell you that both the crabs and the crab ball appetizer were good. We got our blue crabs with the traditional Old Bay and butter. As a side, to me personally, I think that the crabs at Cantlers in Annapolis are a little bit bigger, or they seemed to me, at least for that day.

Once you are done with things, be sure to visit the general store at the front of the property. There, you will be able to buy candies and treats that go back deep into the past. For example, I was able to get me a few sugar babies and Renee a whatchamacallit.

All in all, I will give food and experience an 8 out of 10.

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She Said: Mike's is technically located in Riva, MD off of Riva Road. The location is wonderful and a great place to sit and enjoy yourself with a waterfront view.

The food: It was great. An appetizer of crab balls and a main of a dozen steamed blue crabs. The crab balls were meaty and little filler. The crabs were well seasoned and the meat was divine, especially with the drawn butter. The crabs were fresh and I thought they were of good size.

For the location alone, I will be back this summer for lunch and dinner! 8.5/10

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