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Things To Do For February

2/8 Black History Month at the Museum of Historic Annapolis

2/9 Valentine's Day Tea Party: Kids Edition (Historic London Town and Gardens)

2/9 Super Bowl Sunday

2/22 The Lion King-Hippodrome

2/23-3/1 Restaurant Week at the National Harbor



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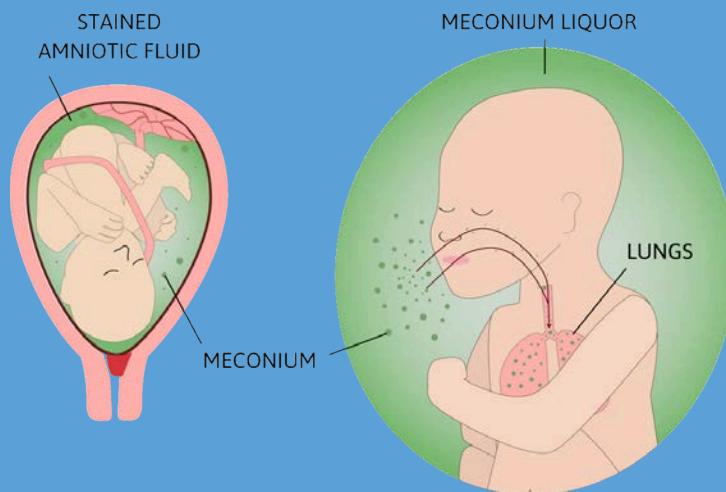
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How Meconium Aspiration Can Steal Your Baby's First Breath

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Meconium aspiration happens when a baby inhales a mixture of meconium and amniotic fluid during labor or delivery. Meconium is the baby's first stool, and while it's common for some to pass meconium before birth, it can pose serious risks if the baby inhales it. When meconium enters the lungs, it can block airways, cause inflammation, and significantly reduce the oxygen supply to the baby. This oxygen deprivation can lead to Hypoxic-Ischemic Encephalopathy (HIE), a devastating brain injury caused by a lack of oxygen during delivery.

How Meconium Aspiration Can Steal Your Baby's First Breath

When meconium enters the lungs, it can block airways, prevent oxygen from reaching the baby, and trigger distress. If the baby's airways become obstructed by meconium, the lungs cannot fill with oxygen as they should. This creates a dangerous cycle where the baby is deprived of oxygen, leading to possible long-term damage. How meconium aspiration can steal your baby's first breath and leave your baby struggling to breathe. Signs like meconium in the amniotic fluid or abnormal fetal heart rates should trigger immediate medical action to protect the baby.

Timely Intervention Can Save Lives

Unfortunately, when timely intervention isn't provided, the baby's condition can worsen. How meconium aspiration can steal your baby's first breath and leave your child struggling to breathe, sometimes leading to HIE if the oxygen supply isn't restored quickly. Healthcare providers are trained to act promptly in these situations, including clearing the baby's airways through suctioning if meconium aspiration is suspected.

What You Need to Know

For parents, it's important to understand that while not all cases of meconium aspiration lead to serious injury, delays in medical intervention can increase the risk of brain injuries like HIE. If your baby has suffered from meconium aspiration, it's critical to evaluate whether the healthcare team followed proper protocols to prevent this from happening. To speak with me further about your baby's HIE brain injury at birth you can reach out to me at my contact information below.

New Laws Going Into Effect In Maryland For 2025

*Expansion of coverage for medical imaging screenings for breast and lung cancer. For diagnostic and supplemental breast exams using MRIs, ultrasounds and image-guided biopsies, insurers won't be able to impose copays, coinsurance, or deductibles on patients unless enrolled in a high-deductible health plan. Patients will also be eligible for imaging in lung cancer screenings and follow-up testing, which won't require prior authorization.

*Hearing Aids for Adults - Insurers will be required to pay up to \$1,400 per hearing aid for each ear every three years. If an insured patient wants a more expensive hearing aid, they will be able to pay the difference. Minors will be covered by the new law as well.

*The So Every Body Can Move Act will require Medicaid and insurers operating in the state to cover partial or whole leg, arm and eye prosthetics, as well as their components or repairs on an annual basis. Patients may also be eligible for the replacement of their prosthetics in certain cases. Importantly, insurers won't be able to impose a lifetime maximum for this coverage or a higher copayment or coinsurance rates than their customers have for similar benefits

*Security guard licensing requirements Maryland individuals or businesses that employ one or more people for security services, or loss prevention, will be required to license those employees as security guards beginning Jan. 1. Newly designated security guard employers must also register online and submit proof of insurance with the Maryland State Police Licensing Division.

*Election judge recruitment Poll workers were in high demand this past election cycle. New laws will require the State Board of Elections to develop a marketing campaign to recruit more election judges. County employees serving as judges must also receive mandated administrative leave and compensation.

*The Maryland Road Worker Protection Act of 2024 provides higher ticket costs for speeding through a work zone. In June, the penalty rose to \$80, but the new pricing scheme effective in 2025 will depend on how much drivers go over the speed limit and if workers are present on the road during the offense. Going 12 to 15 mph over the limit, the lowest tier in the pricing structure, will result in a \$60 fine without workers present and \$120 if they are. The highest penalty provided by the scheme would be \$1,000 for going 40 or more mph over the speed limit in a work zone with workers present. The law also expands the use of speed cameras in work zones.



Cream Of Crab Soup



- 1 medium onion finely chopped
- 1/3 flour
- 1/2 stick of butter
- 1 qt of half and half
- 1 pt heavy cream
- butter
- 1/2 cup dry sherry
- 5 tsp Old Bay Seasoning
- 3 cloves of minced garlic
- Salt & Pepper to taste
- 1 lb Jumbo Lump Crab Meat

1. Cook the onion in melted butter until softened.
2. Add spices, and seasoning and slowly whisk in the flour for about 90 seconds.
3. Drizzle in the half and half while whisking, then let the soup simmer until thickened (make sure to stir it frequently!). You'll know it's done when it coats the back of a spoon.
4. Add the cream, sherry, and crab meat and stir until combined. Cook over low heat for a few more minutes (though the soup continues to thicken as it cooks on the stovetop), then enjoy!

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