

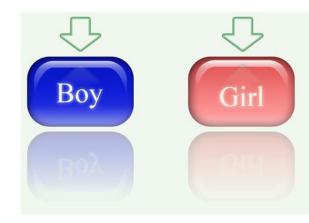


To Tell Or Not To Tell ?! Boy Or Girl ?!

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- From almost the moment a woman discovers she's pregnant, the guessing games begin.
- *Everyone* -- from her mother-in-law, to her next-door-neighbor, to the clerk in the convenience store
- Baby Snookums will be a boy or a girl
- Pink and Blue" emotion
- Why? To choose paint of room, clothes or names but there are unisex paint, uinsex clothes and unisex names. so what do the ladies or girls think?



 Determining the gender of an unborn baby during routine ultrasounds is not standard practice because resources are too tight and medically speaking it's not important



What to do?

- Ask if its a boy or a girl ?Or
- Wait untill birth to see if boy/girl?
- To know or not to know a very personal decision



Some hospitals, however, have a notell policy. 'Sonographers sometimes get it wrong, so some hospitals won't tell mother in case of mistakes



The Boy Ultrasound Gallery









• Sonographer should reassure himself that he actually sees the penis and scrotum in the case of a boy

The Girl Ultrasound Gallery







The 3-lines sign

- Sonographer should reassure himself that he actually sees the labia in the case of a girl
- The absence of the penis must not be taken as sufficient evidence of the fetus being a girl
- The 3-lines sign which denotes the labia in the fetus is a very valid and accurate indication of the female gender .This is often called the "hamburger sign." Some technicians looks for two line

Ways Of Predicting The Sex Of A Baby

- Traditional ways eg The shape of her bump, cravings for sweet food or salty food?, hanging a needle or wedding ring on a thread over her tummy and watching to see which way it moves? or measuring babies' heart rates in the uterus
- Effective ways of are ultrasound scanning, amniocentesis or chorionic villus sampling (CVS). Although most women have an ultrasound scan at some stage of their pregnancies now, amniocentesis and CVS will only be offered if there is a medical need.

Ultrasound Accuracy Depends On Several Factors

- Baby's cooperation the position of the fetus. Sometimes baby can be stubborn and refuse to give you a good view (such as if its legs are crossed)
- The increasing number of obese women also makes it harder to see the fetus clearly
- Gestational age
- when there is insufficient fluid surrounding the genitalia (as is often the case later on in a pregnancy)
- Modern/updated equipment
- Technician's ability during the optimum period of pregnancy (the "anomaly scan") are dependent both on the skill of the sonographer

Effect Of Knowing Sex of The Baby Whether Right Or Wrong

Effect On Mother

- Risk of sex-selected abortion: in India and China, where an overriding preference for male babies could prompt a rash of terminated pregnancies for women carrying girls
- Disappointed
- Depression antepartum and postpartum
- I had been certain that first baby was a girl, and when they handed me a boy he felt like a stranger
- Due to the mother's increasing immune tolerance of her children in utero childern will suffer from bronchial asthma
- Marrying the second woman is made
- Divorce.

Effect On Father

- Disappointed
- Depression antepartum and postpartum
- Marrying the second woman is made
- Divorce
- Husband did not buy tonic for her pregnant wife
- Husband did not buy good diet for her pregnant wife
- Husband leave her wife to deliver in cheap hospital
- Men lie when they say we like female descendants, when their wife goes home they fight with them or even sometimes divorce them

Effect On Sons And Daughters

- Disappointed
- Depression antepartum and postpartum

Effect On Family

• Serious Gender Imbalance in Population

Effect On Doctor

- Lose his patients and their relatives
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- Killed by angery father
- Doing cesarean section because this baby is precious

Effect On Hospital

- In rare cases the declared gender is wrong,
- Gurting patient confidence and
- Possibly opening the hospital to a lawsuit

• If anyone asks, "Is it a boy or girl?" just reply "Probably".