
braxton hicks contractions Braxton-Hicks contractions (correlated to anything?)

Posted by C. Sundaresan - 2008/05/09 07:39

I have read the usual things about Braxton-Hicks contractions but here is what I really want to know: I am in my 6th month and having several per hour. My last pregnancy was 16 years ago and I never had any till the last two weeks. I never had LABOR either, and ultimately needed a C-section. I am hoping to avoid C-section this time and sort of fantasizing that my uterine muscles are reacting to stimuli and maybe they will do something this time. I don't know if Braxton-Hicks contractions are correlated to anything, really ... this is just intense wishful thinking, huh ... I would like to hear some experience stories either way. The doctors are completely noncommittal on the subject. Chris Sundaresan O'Connor

=====

braxton hicks contractions Braxton-Hicks contractions (correlated to anything?)

Posted by Kim Smith - 2008/05/09 07:39

I don't know if Braxton-Hicks contractions are correlated to anything, really ... this is just intense wishful thinking, huh ... I would like to hear some experience stories either way. The doctors are completely noncommittal on the subject. Chris, Here's my data point: I was feeling Braxton-Hicks contractions as early as 5 months, and quite a few in the last few weeks (sometimes frequent and painful) and I ended up being induced and needing pitocin to help my uterus with the contractions. Of course, my baby was big (9lbs 10 ozs) so that was part of my uterus' problem. Good Luck, Kim

=====

braxton hicks contractions Braxton-Hicks contractions (correlated to anything?)

Posted by Lorinda Brandon - 2008/05/09 07:39

I don't know if Braxton-Hicks contractions are correlated to anything, really ... this is just intense wishful thinking, huh ... I would like to hear some experience stories either way. The doctors are completely noncommittal on the subject. Chris, Here's my data point: I was feeling Braxton-Hicks contractions as early as 5 months, and quite a few in the last few weeks (sometimes frequent and painful) and I ended up being induced and needing pitocin to help my uterus with the contractions. Of course, my baby was big (9lbs 10 ozs) so that was part of my uterus' problem. Good Luck, Kim

=====

braxton hicks contractions Braxton-Hicks contractions (correlated to anything?)

Posted by Lyric Kinard - 2008/05/09 07:39

I have read the usual things about Braxton-Hicks contractions but here is what I really want to know: I am in my 6th month and having several per hour. My last pregnancy was 16 years ago and I never had any till the last two weeks. I never had LABOR either, and ultimately needed a C-section. I am hoping to avoid C-section this time and sort of fantasizing that my uterine muscles are reacting to stimuli and maybe they will do something this time. In my case I started getting a lot of B-H contractions in about month four. The doctors weren't too concerned about it until about month six or seven when I was having them about every twenty minutes, every time I stood up, every time I went into the heat outside, every time I coughed...you get the picture. They told me to take it easy...I played couch potato for a week and they also said to drink lots of water. It worked a bit but then it got worse and they started to get uncomfortable one night and I lost my plug. Next morning at an appointment the doc said I was totally effaced and put me on bed rest and terbutamine as a precaution. It bugged me to think of spending the next six weeks (from week 30-36) in bed when I didn't FEEL sick but better safe than sorry! Well.....week 36 and I went of the drug, got out of bed, and had Haven the next day. I guess it was worth it to keep one IMPATIENT baby inside till her lungs were developed. So they could mean something.....could mean nothing. Just keep an eye on them! OH! I remember that when I went on medication was the first time I really felt Haven moving around! I had been so tight for so long that I guess she was squished too much for me to feel her. That was fun to all of the sudden be able to tell where a foot or elbow was....that was until she decided her favorite spot for her foot was as close to my armpit as she could push it! :) -Lyric

=====

braxton hicks contractions Braxton-Hicks contractions (correlated to anything?)

Posted by C. Sundaresan - 2008/05/09 07:39

| | I don't know if Braxton-Hicks contractions are correlated to anything, | really ... this is just intense wishful thinking, huh ... I would like | to hear some experience stories either way. The doctors are completely | noncommittal on the subject. | | | Chris, | | Here's my data point: I was feeling Braxton-Hicks contractions as early | as 5 months, and quite a few in the last few weeks (sometimes frequent | and painful) and I ended up being induced and needing pitocin to help | my uterus with the contractions. Of course, my baby was big (9lbs 10 | ozs) so that was part of my uterus' problem. | | Good Luck, | | Kim |

=====

braxton hicks contractions Braxton-Hicks contractions (correlated to anything?)

Posted by Carey SCHNELL - 2008/05/09 07:39

: sund...@watson.ibm.com (C. Sundaresan) writes: : I was totally effaced and put me on bed rest and terbutamine as a
^ ^ ^ ^ ^ What does it mean when someone says that they are totally effaced?? I have heard this expression so
many times on this group, and still can't work it out! (I guess it has nothing to do with alcoholic consumption... *:-)
thanks- Carey Schnell cschn...@iiasa.ac.at

=====

braxton hicks contractions Braxton-Hicks contractions (correlated to anything?)

Posted by Trif - 2008/05/09 07:39

: sund...@watson.ibm.com (C. Sundaresan) writes: : I was totally effaced and put me on bed rest and terbutamine as a
^ ^ ^ ^ ^ What does it mean when someone says that they are totally effaced?? I have heard this expression so
many times on this group, and still can't work it out! Effacement is the progressive thinning and shortening of the
cervix that takes place before or during labor. To be totally effaced means that cervix is as thinned and shortened as it
can get before dilation. When it happens before labor, it is often a sign that labor will start within a few days. For
someone not yet full term, this can be a scary thing that the practitioner will be concerned about because of the
possibility of going into labor pre-term.

=====

braxton hicks contractions Braxton-Hicks contractions (correlated to anything?)

Posted by Marion Baumgarten - 2008/05/09 07:39

What does it mean when someone says that they are totally effaced?? I have heard this expression so many times on
this group, and still can't work it out! (I guess it has nothing to do with alcoholic consumption... *:-) thanks- Carey
Schnell cschn...@iiasa.ac.at - Marion writes: Effacement is softening and thinning of the cervix in preparation for
birth. It's measured in percents. So if you are 100% effaced you are usually dilated a few centimeters already.
Marion Baumgarten MARIO...@delphi.com

=====