

# Your Health Education

## Chorioamnionitis

Chorioamnionitis, also called Chorio, is an infection that can occur during pregnancy and may affect the mother and the baby. Chorio occurs when the membranes and fluid surrounding the baby become infected with bacteria.

Chorio does not always cause symptoms. However, some mothers may have the following symptoms: fever, sweating, a tender uterus, vaginal discharge that has a foul-smelling odor, and a rapid heartrate. Your baby may also have a rapid heartrate.

You may be given antibiotics to treat Chorio. In addition, if your baby has a possible infection, he or she will also be given antibiotics.

### **After Your Delivery:**

Your baby will be taken to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) triage area for evaluation, blood work, and to have an IV inserted. The first dose of antibiotics will be given there and if your baby is stable, he or she will return to the floor with you.

If your baby does not have symptoms of infection and has normal blood work, the antibiotics will be discontinued at 36-48 hours. If your baby has abnormal labs and/or symptoms of infection at any time, he or she will be admitted to the NICU for a full course of antibiotics which is usually seven days.

**Please ask your nurse if you have any additional questions.**