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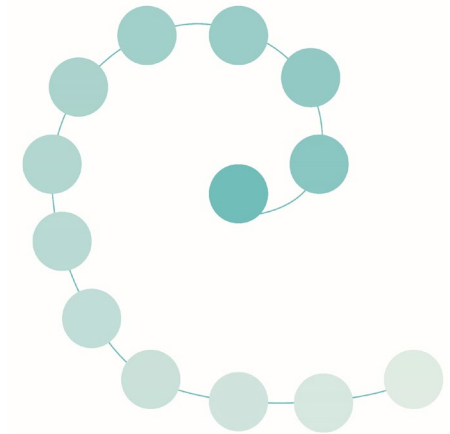
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Would you like to join the BEAD Study?



Baby head ElevAtion Device Study

Information for hapu māmā



Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand

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You can only take part in the **BEAD Study** if you have a **caesarean in labour when your cervix is fully dilated**. We wanted to tell you about it before labour, so you have time to think about whether you would like to take part.

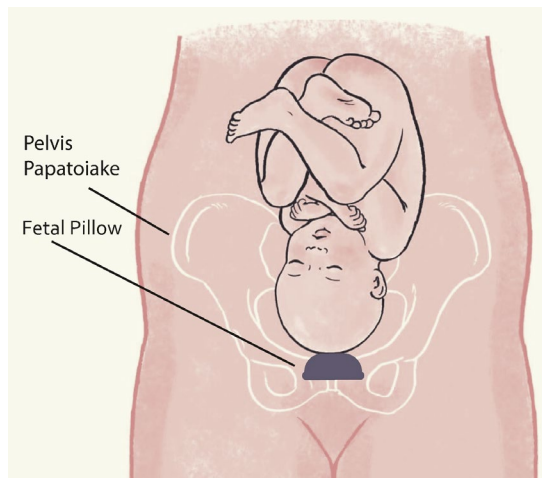
How will this research help māmā and pēpi?

1 in 50 māmā will need a caesarean late in labour.

A caesarean can be difficult when you are fully dilated. The baby's head is low in the pelvis and this means that there is a higher chance of injury to you or your baby.

What is a Fetal Pillow®?

The Fetal Pillow® is a small, soft silicone balloon that is placed in the vagina before the caesarean and many doctors have started to use it, but it is not clear if it is helpful. We want to know if it makes the birth safer and easier.



What will happen if I agree to take part?

If you choose to take part, you will have a Fetal Pillow® placed in your vagina at the start of your Caesarean. The small balloon will either be filled with water or left empty. Neither your doctor nor you will know if the balloon is filled or not. All other parts of the surgery and your care will be the same.

All people having a caesarean are given pain relief – the balloon will be placed after this has been given – you may not even notice it being placed.

The balloon is removed from your vagina at the end of the Caesarean.

After the caesarean, we will ask your permission to use information collected about you and your baby after birth. This will be used to find out if the Pillow makes birth safer and easier, and any longer term impacts of the balloon.