

## *Consequences of a Near Term Birth*

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*Consequences of a Near Term Birth* is a twenty minute film developed to help pregnant women and their providers plan for potential outcomes of late preterm delivery. This movie explores the potential consequences of near term birth. It emphasizes the wisdom of letting “Mother Nature” decide when to start labor and why it is important to have solid, medical reasons prior to artificially starting labor and delivery.

The film’s educational message is collaborative with the March of Dimes initiative, the 39 week toolkit which strives to eliminate non-medically indicated or elective deliveries before 39 weeks gestational age, in order to provide the best outcomes for newborns.

[http://www.marchofdimes.com/professionals/medicalresources\\_39weeks.html](http://www.marchofdimes.com/professionals/medicalresources_39weeks.html)



*Consequences of a Near Term Birth* is produced by Dr. Becky Ewing of Hopkinton, a March of Dimes Board Member and Chair of the Program Service Committee, who serves on the steering committee of the Northern New England Perinatal Quality Improvement Network.