

Week 18 of pregnancy: hearing nervous system and anatomy scan



Your baby at 18 weeks: growth, movement, and sensory development

Hearing at 18 weeks: what can the baby hear?

The nervous system: wiring, myelin, and coordination

Bones, muscles, and body proportions

The 18 to 20 week anatomy scan: what it checks

The brain and skull

The face, including lips and profile when visible

The spine in several views

The heart, including chambers and major outflow views where possible

The stomach, kidneys, bladder, and abdominal wall

The arms, legs, hands, feet, and long bones

The placenta, umbilical cord insertion, and amniotic fluid volume

Preparing for the anatomy scan

Were all the required anatomical views obtained?

Is the baby's growth appropriate for the gestational age?

Where is the placenta located?

Is the amniotic fluid volume within the expected range?

Will I need a repeat scan or any follow-up?

How you may feel physically at 18 weeks

Supporting fetal development safely