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  - and another to cover all the aspects of your postpartum health
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  - as your baby's well visit with your baby's health care provider
  - even if you are feeling fine
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### DURING THIS VISIT, YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER SHOULD:

- Review your pregnancy and birth records
- Complete a physical exam
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- Address health concerns that you had before pregnancy or that developed during your pregnancy
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- 👉 You need to take care of yourself and take time for your needs.
- 👉 Invest the time and energy into your health, your baby needs you to be healthy and well.

## BEFORE THE VISIT:

- 👉 Make a list of questions you would like to ask during the visit. The checklist may help.
- 👉 Discuss family planning goals with your partner.
- 👉 This is a great time to ask questions about your birth experience.

If there are other things you would like to discuss with your health care provider, write them down here to help you remember.

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### Your postpartum visit is scheduled:

Dr. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Your Postpartum Checklist

Discuss with your healthcare provider:

### PHYSICAL HEALTH:

- ✓ Breasts / breastfeeding
- ✓ Constipation
- ✓ Hemorrhoids
- ✓ Vaginal drainage
- ✓ Urinary leakage
- ✓ Weight loss
- ✓ Exercise

### EMOTIONAL HEALTH:

- ✓ Getting enough rest/exhausted
- ✓ Mood swings
- ✓ Feeling sad, anxiety, nervous, overwhelmed

### SEXUAL HEALTH:

- ✓ When to resume sexual intercourse
- ✓ Minimizing discomfort
- ✓ Family planning goals



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