

Friday, September 30, 2005

The Placenta

Yesterday was better, I got to scrub in on a C-section and got to deliver the placenta. Now, I read Kristin's blog, and someone commented about how you don't "deliver" the placenta, you help the mom do it. Normally, I totally agree with that, but C-sections are not the most physiologic things on earth. In fact, they disrupt the benefits of birth. NOW, don't get me wrong, my mommy had me by C-section, thank GOD, so I have a deep admiration and appreciation for the women who go through this freaky procedure. But, having said all that, I do think it is fair to say that I delivered the placenta yesterday, since I stuck my whole hand inside the lady's uterus and "swept" the placenta out with my hand. Very weird, very cool. So far, I'm liking OB a lot. The one thing that really bums me out is that once the munchkins are born, I don't really get to pay a lot of attention to them. I wish I could HOLD them, they are SO freaking cute. one more thing: one of my patients is on bed rest until she delivers, which we hope is NOT soon, her baby needs to cook a little bit more. I went in yesterday afternoon and she was knitting a pink baby blanket! After rounding with the attending, I came back to help her figure out her pattern. She was picking up knitting after 20 years of not knitting, so she didn't know what YO and K2Tog means. I'm excited to see her progress today. Next entry: the Fall line up!!

Posted by Mia in Knitting, Medical School at 05:17

Yay for knitting moms! She must have been so happy you could help her out with her pattern.
Anonymous on Sep 30 2005, 14:00

oh I do love the placenta; I've only had cursory exposure to L&D because my "real" rotation doesn't start until early/mid November. Thus I've seen some deliveries, but have really only helped "to deliver" the placenta.

(I can't come up with a kind way to say it, but I do believe the placenta has a unique odor. Can't find anyone else to agree with me on that but I do think it's got a scent...)
Anonymous on Oct 7 2005, 12:52

happy belated birthday!
Anonymous on Oct 8 2005, 21:57

Hi super sock maker - I just found your blog. Thank you so much for the most amazing pair of socks I've ever owned. Beautiful, comfy and fit to a t. Can you let me know the pattern and the yarn?

Thanks,
Amy
Anonymous on Oct 12 2005, 08:59