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**Tarrant County
Public Health
17P
Initiative**



A program for prematurity prevention

17P is an injection of progesterone (a naturally-occurring hormone) medication that can help delay having your baby too soon.

The greatest risk for giving birth to a baby too soon is if you have already had a baby that was premature!

You may be eligible for the 17P medication if:

- 1.) You have been diagnosed with a history of a premature birth between 20 and 36 weeks gestation, AND
- 2.) You are pregnant with **one** baby.

When should 17P be started?

You should start your treatment between 16 and 21 weeks. In case you started prenatal care late, shots may be started up to 23 weeks. You will be given **WEEKLY** shots until you are 37 weeks pregnant.

Is 17P safe for the baby?

Studies have shown 17P to be safe and it does not increase risk for birth defects.

Remember: Ask your health care provider about 17P.

We invite you to participate* in what we are calling the Tarrant County 17P Initiative because you could benefit from getting the 17P shots while you are pregnant.

We would like to give you a call about your 17P care. We can help you remember to make appointments, help find transportation, or help with other problems you may have.

Please fill out the information below and return to your provider or their staff:

Name: _____

Date of birth: _____ Due date: _____

Phone number: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**You will receive a gift for your participation.*

For more information, please contact Tarrant County Public Health's Prematurity Prevention staff at 817-321-4717 or e-mail: 17P@tarrantcounty.com



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