



18 WEEKS

6 1/4 inches — 12 ounces

All organs and structures have been formed, and a period of simple growth begins.

The skin is covered with vernix - a greasy material that protects the skin.

Respiratory movements occur, but the lungs have not developed enough to permit survival outside the uterus.

20 WEEKS

7.5 inches — 1 pound

Time of extremely rapid brain growth.

Fetal heartbeat can be heard with a stethoscope.

The kidneys are starting to work.

Fetus may suck thumb and is more active.

