

Late Amniocentesis

The following has been explained to me:

An amniocentesis is a procedure where a needle is placed in the sac around my baby for purposes of obtaining amniotic fluid [water] from around my baby.

The amniotic fluid [water] will be sent for studies on my baby's chromosomes or other studies based on my situation.

The reason for the amniocentesis in my situation is because of _____.

The amniocentesis has a risk of preterm delivery in the range of one in 300.

If the baby does deliver prematurely it has a risk of respiratory problems, Intraventricular hemorrhage, cerebral palsy [brain damage], blindness, deafness, learning disabilities, necrotizing enterocolitis (abnormal dead bowel), infection, sepsis, and potential for death.

If a chromosomal abnormality is detected at this late gestational age, you will still have the option of continuing the pregnancy, placing the baby for adoption or obtaining an abortion. Should you choose to terminate your pregnancy, it will be difficult to find a doctor willing to terminate the pregnancy this late in the pregnancy in the United States.

I have read and fully understand the risks and consequences of a late amniocentesis and wish to have the procedure performed. _____

I understand the above and do not wish to have the procedure performed.
