

Thank you for choosing Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital as the place to welcome your baby into the world!

.....**Process for Non-Medical (Elective) Inductions**.....

A labor induction is the use of medication or other methods to begin the labor process. An induction may be recommended if there is a concern for the health of the mother or unborn baby, if the pregnancy has continued at least 41 weeks (one week past the due date), or if you and your provider agree to an induction. **The safety of you and your baby are our primary focus and inductions will be assigned accordingly.**

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Non Medical Inductions will be placed on the Birthplace “will call” list by your provider’s office.

Please ensure the phone number listed with your provider’s office is correct.

You will be called for your **non-medical** induction as an opening becomes available and after 39 weeks gestation.

Frequently Asked Questions

How will I be notified that an opening becomes available?

When there is availability you will receive a phone call from the Birthplace (**540-588-9849**). Please save this number to your phone in anticipation of a call from the Birthplace. Please make sure your phone is charged and is able to receive voicemails.

What time period will I be called and how long do I have to arrive?

You will receive your phone call for induction anytime between 5:30 AM and 9:00 PM. You will have 2 hours to arrive to the hospital after receiving the phone call from the Birthplace.

What if the induction does not work?

If your labor does not progress and the care team feels it is safe for you and your unborn baby to continue the pregnancy, you may be sent home with a plan to try again in a few days.

What are the risks of a labor induction?

If you have a long induction process, it may increase the risk of infection for you and your unborn baby. If your unborn baby does not tolerate uterine contractions or your labor does not progress appropriately, a cesarean delivery surgery may be recommended.

***We request that you do not call to “check” on the status of your induction.**

Please come to Labor & Delivery at any time if you experience these situations to be evaluated:

- Vaginal bleeding
- A gush of warm fluid
- Decreased movement from your baby
- Strong, consistent contractions

