

You and your partner may not feel up to taking pictures of your baby, in that case, ask the nurses. Explain to them that you'd like some special photographs of your special child. Even if you think you'll never have them developed, have someone take pictures and make sure they use the whole roll.

Think about whether you have any special poses (some parents who have surviving children would like the child posed the same way as the others for continuity in family picture displays). Do you have any special toys, blankets, or clothing they would like in the photos? You can never have too many pictures as this will be the only time you will be able to photograph your sweet child. If you are unsure about whether you or your family should smile in the pictures taken with your baby there is a simple solution: look away from the camera and into the face of your little one.

It is possible to take pictures of babies who have died quite a while before they were delivered and babies who have birth defects at delivery. Take pictures of both the baby's "good and bad" features. For example, for a parent who has a child with anencephaly take a full face picture along with a few where the birth defect is disguised (this can be done by simply putting a hat on the baby). For a child who has bad skin peeling you can take more pictures focusing on the non-damaged area like a hand, ear, or foot or by turning the baby's face. Touch ups can be done to digitally remove affected areas.

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Nearly all of us that have lost babies wished we had taken more photos. You may not understand now why pictures of your baby would bring you comfort later but, believe me, they do and you'll be thankful you have them.

There are several organizations who provide professional photographers to parents experiencing pregnancy and infant loss and most services are completely free of charge. At your request, you may have a professional photographer come to your hospital location for a private and sensitive photography session. We have provided a list of professional photographers here but A Small Victory is willing to help you get in contact with an available photographer in your area, if you wish.

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Thank you to: Now I Lay Me Down To Sleep ([www.nowilaymedowntosleep.org](http://www.nowilaymedowntosleep.org)),  
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### SOME SUGGESTED PHOTO IDEAS

- You and your baby
- Your partner and the baby
- Family photo with you, your partner and the baby
- Other family members and friends holding the baby
- Baby loosely wrapped in a special blanket
- Baby with a special toy or stuffed animal
- A close-up of baby's face, profile, hand, foot, and of parents finger in baby's hand
- Baby on tummy with hands by its face
- Baby dressed and undressed, someday it may be important to see your baby's tush or bellybutton.
- Close-up of baby cradled in Mommy's and Daddy's hands

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