

In three months the foetus is nearly three inches long, and weighs about three ounces. Hippocrates says, that it is at this time the motion of the male foetus begins to be felt by its mother; but that those of the female are not felt till after the fourth; there are women who affirm they have felt the motions of the child at the beginning of the second month. It is very difficult to be certain on this subject, the sensations excited by the first motions of the foetus depending, perhaps more on the sensibility of the mother than the strength of the child.

Four months after conception the length of the foetus is six or seven inches; every part of its body is so greatly augmented as to be perfectly distinguished from each other; even the nails appear on the fingers and toes. The testicles of the males are shut up in the belly above the kidneys; the stomach is filled with somewhat of a thick humour, like that which incloses the amnios. We find a milky fluid in the little vessels, and in the large ones a black liquid matter. There is a little bile in the gall, and some urine in the bladder. As the foetus floats freely in the liquid which surrounds it, there is always a space between the body and membranes in which it is contained.

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