

Doctors Call Tiny Baby a Miracle

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Doctors call it a miracle.

A baby weighing less than ten ounces at birth is healthy enough to go home from a hospital in Italy.

Doctors say the girl they've nicknamed "Pearl" is the tiniest baby known to survive.

She was delivered by Caesarian section in the beginning of February during the 27th week of pregnancy.

Doctors say she was delivered prematurely because her mother had a leg artery problem that ran the risk her limb would have to be amputated.

A pediatrician says curled up, the baby fit "right in your hand."

She now weighs almost four and a half pounds and is living at home near Florence.

Doctors say the girl is healthy and in good shape. Her chances of having a normal life are "nearly 100%."

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