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IT GETS WORSE WHEN IT IS TREATED WITH NEGLIGENCE

Maria, a 29-year-old mother, learned a life lesson in the importance of periodic examinations and following up on the condition of the child during pregnancy.

At the beginning of her ninth month of pregnancy with her eagerly awaited first child, and during her visit to Mudhaykhyrah Hospital in Ibb she could not describe how terrified she was to find out that her child was exposed to the risk of suffocation, when she knew that the umbilical cord was wrapping the neck of her baby during the ultrasound examination and that can lead to its loss, the doctor interrupted her fear to reassure her that it is normal for this to happen in some cases due to the movement

of the child in the womb or the length of the umbilical cord. As a result, this may also wrap around the baby's thigh or arm and can be loosened on its own again due to its movement, as he explained, yet he stressed the extreme importance of examining the condition of the child, especially in the last weeks of pregnancy, so that the specialized doctor makes sure that the umbilical cord does not hinder the birth process and exposes the child to the risk of suffocation, as often happens in traditional home births.



Maria then was so keen to make frequent visits during her last month of pregnancy as advised by the doctor, who monitored the baby's condition and its vital functions and predicted the birth timing, which made her reassured and ready for her first birth.

The day has come,

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I felt labor pain, my family took me to the health facility and the staff was fully prepared and aware of my special condition Thanks to God and thanks to the excellent health care at the hands of the specialists of the Mudhaykhyrah Hospital, I went through my labor safely without any complications, I delivered naturally and my baby and I received the necessary medical care after birth and now we're both fine and healthy

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she mentioned.

Maria now is one of the aware mothers of the importance of regular visits to the hospitals providing high-quality care services during pregnancy and is keen now to spread this awareness to all mothers she knows. She says as she holds her newborn beautiful baby in her arms



“I hope that every woman has access to high-quality care services near her residential area as I was lucky to have one”

Maria said gratefully.