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Availability, access and outcomes of  
external cephalic version for women with  
breech presentation at term in UK  
maternity units.

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# The presentation will include:



Background

- Breech presentation
- External cephalic version

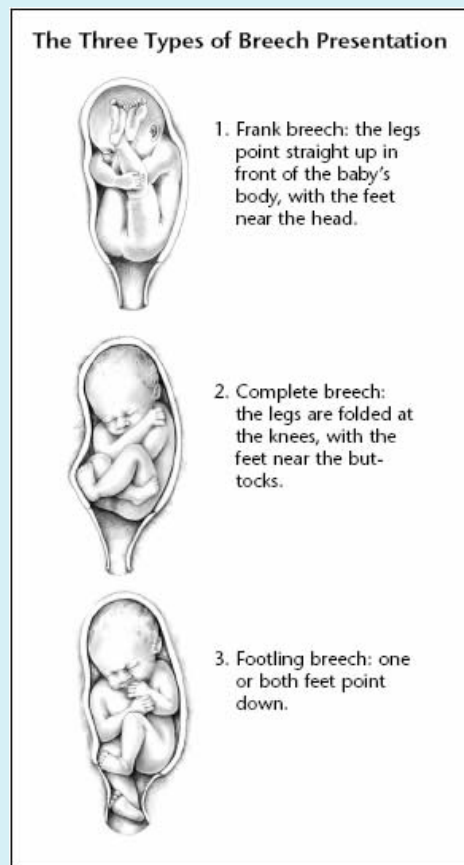
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Method

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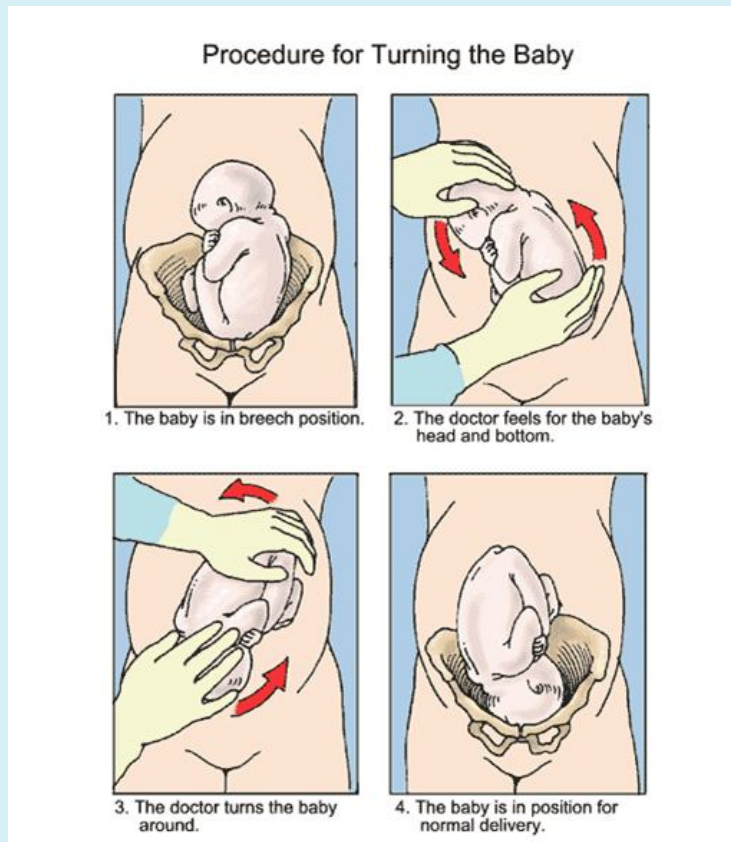
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# Breech presentation at term



- 3-4% of term babies
- 20,000 UK per year
- 16% of all caesarean sections
- Maternal age  $\geq 35$
- First time mothers
- Term Breech Trial

# External cephalic version



- 36 week appointment
- NICE (2008) offer ECV
- 50% rate of turning
- Late diagnosis
- Caesarean section
- Risks for mother
- Risks for baby

# Aim of the study

- To map the current availability, uptake and outcome of external cephalic version for singleton term breech pregnancies.

# Method

- Survey of UK maternity units
- Sampling frame
- Directors/Heads of midwifery
- Pilot study
- Main study
- Data collection and analysis

# Expected outcomes

Extent to which evidenced based practice for ECV is being implemented in UK maternity units

- Availability of ECV
- Access to ECV
- ECV training opportunities

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