

of the fundus is dependent upon the occipitococcygeal measurement of the child, and varies in direct proportion to the weight of the child, as does the length.

The rule is as follows:—

The duration of pregnancy in lunar months is equal to the height of the uterus in centimeters divided by 3.5. It depends upon the regular growth of the uterus of 3.5 cm. each month of four weeks, and is very exact after the sixth month.

The measurement is taken with the patient in the dorsal position. One end of the tape is placed at the upper border of the symphysis, while the other end is held by the thumb in the palm of the hand. The fingers of the upper hand are held at right angles to the fundus of the uterus, and the tape follows the contour of the uterus save at the last dip.

He states that this method gives satisfactory results, and is the most exact means of the estimation of the duration of pregnancy. The so-called "sinking" of the fœtus in the last two weeks of pregnancy causes but little error in the measurement.

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