

God Answers Parents' Prayers With 'Miracle' Brain Surgery on Unborn Baby

A team of doctors in Boston performed a ground-breaking surgery on a baby still in the womb—the first of its kind in the U.S. And the parents say they had no doubt “God would perform a miracle.”

Derek and Kenyatta Coleman were over the moon when they learned they were expecting their fourth child. For Kenyatta, 36, and Derek, 39, the first few weeks of the pregnancy were typical.

“Baby was doing well. The anatomy scan came back unremarkable. All of her biophysical profiles were all unremarkable,” Kenyatta told CNN.

But during her 30-week ultrasound, Kenyatta learned that her daughter had a rare condition known as the vein of Galen malformation.

The condition occurs when the blood vessel that carries blood from the brain to the heart, also known as the vein of Galen (VOGM), doesn't develop correctly. The malformation can cause blood vessel abnormalities, brain damage and heart failure.

In fact, by the time the baby was 30 weeks old, her heart was struggling and the malformation was getting dangerously large, CBS News reported.

The Baton Rouge, LA couple enrolled in an FDA-approved clinical trial by Brigham and Women's and Boston Children's Hospital to save the baby's life.

Despite the risk of preterm labor or brain hemorrhaging for the unborn child, the parents decided to trust God.

“Derek and I are deeply rooted in our faith and we prayed hard for this,” Kenyatta told WBZ-TV. “You know, there was no doubt in our minds that God would perform a miracle and he did, on a public platform using a little girl before she was even born. She made her mark on the world.”

According to the journal *Stroke*, on March 15, Kenyatta underwent surgery—an ultrasound-guided procedure that was the first of its kind for this condition. {eo}

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