



*Butterfly Beginnings
Placenta Services
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General Information

What is Placenta Encapsulation?

Placenta encapsulation or placentophagy, is the process of preparing a mother's placenta, by dehydrating, and powdering. The powder is placed into capsules, allowing the mother to ingest as she sees fit.

By ingesting the encapsulated placenta, after her labor and birth, the mother reintroduces beneficial nutrients, hormones, and proteins, to her body. This is believed to restore a more balanced body function, resulting in less frequent instances of "baby blues" and the more serious postpartum depression, as well as promoting a shorter healing time, increased maternal energy levels, and an over-all feeling of wellness.

What is the Traditional Chinese Medicine method?

This is the oldest recipe we have for placenta encapsulation. The hallmark of this method is steaming the placenta. In TCM theory, the process of labor and birth leaves a lot of open, empty space, which is considered very yin, or cold. Therefore, one major way we can promote healing during the postnatal period is to add yang energy via heat. Raw placenta is considered extremely cold, and therefore inappropriate for extended use during the first couple of months after birth. We therefore incorporate only steam through the placenta, and the final result is warming, tonifying, and nourishing for the postnatal mother that still retains the nutrients and hormones of benefit.

Warming herbs such as lemon and ginger are ONLY added on request, or as prescribed by your TCM Dr. This method is used for natural and interventive births.

What is the Raw Method?

The Raw method is often used for clients who adhere to a Raw diet, which is based around the idea that heat destroys vital enzymes in food. All food preparation is restricted to temperatures between 45-55oC. In the case of placenta, some argue that the Raw Method also yields a medicine with more hormones and nutrients than the TCM method.

This method is best used only for completely natural births, although this is not a therapeutic rule.

How to Choose?

Some people are clearly drawn to one method of placenta preparation, or a particular form of medicine. For those who are undecided, I would recommend choosing a ½ ½ option for encapsulation and a RAW base tincture. This means you are gaining the maximum benefits from this rare experience. My reasoning is based on the intended time period during which each form is taken.

Raw placenta is perfectly indicated for this intense, short-term blood building, energy replenishment and ongoing premenstrual cycles.

Placenta capsules are usually taken within the first 6 months postnatally; the tonifying, nourishing qualities of placenta prepared in the TCM method are best suited to this short term postnatal healing for long term health benefits, when the goal is to reduce postnatal depression, improve milk supply, or replenish the body after birth. Placenta tinctures are well-preserved, and are therefore great for lifetime use, such as infant symptom relief, menstrual difficulties or menopausal symptoms. Because it will generally not be used until after the postnatal period has passed, there is no longer a focus on warming yang energy.

These are my current thoughts on the different methods of preparing placenta medicine, though they are subject to change should new information present itself.

Disclaimer

A Placenta Services Provider is not considered a pharmacist, pharmaceutical representative, holistic practitioner, herbalist, or medical doctor, unless they have received and completed that course of education.

Benefits of placenta encapsulation are supported by ongoing research but have not been extensively scientifically proven. Placenta Encapsulation as it pertains to this contract/agreement, is for natural nutritional supplementation and is intended solely for ingestion by the mother who has birthed the placenta(s).

This is a natural nutritional supplement, and as such, cannot be guaranteed to produce specific results. The services offered by the Perinatal Wellness Placenta Specialist are not clinical, pharmaceutical, or intended to diagnose or treat any condition. Families who choose to utilize the services take full responsibility of their own health and for researching and using the remedies. The Independent Placenta Service provider makes no guarantee as to capsule efficacy, but does guarantee the *highest quality* of service.

Always speak to your care provider regarding any questions about your health, safety and well-being. Placenta services are not meant to be a replacement for medical advice, medical care. Mothers experiencing symptoms of postpartum depression, low milk supply, etc..., need to speak with their care provider to diagnose and treat any existing symptoms or potential conditions. While many women have found placenta encapsulation to be a wonderful and amazing gift, you are still encouraged to seek appropriate assistance and medical care when necessary. It is always okay to ask for help.

The information provided is for educational purposes only. Individuals receiving this information must exercise their independent judgment in determining its appropriateness for a particular purpose or use

Statements of Policy

The Butterfly Beginnings Placenta Services Provider and the undersigned accept this signed agreement as a binding contract when combined with a deposit. By submitting this contract, you are retaining our services and reserving a spot in our calendar for your placenta and go on call for you. Encapsulation is a time consuming process and we are limited in the number of placentas contracts we can accept each month. There is no right of refund once the retainer fee is submitted with this signed contract. The retainer amount is \$75. Full Payment is required before birthday.

Refund Policy

If ALL instructions in the collection pack have been followed there should be not room for error in the safe collection of your placenta.

Refund request form must be filled in should you request a refund. If the hospital are at fault, then a copy of a written report of circumstance is required from them. Only in specific circumstances are partial or full(less the retainer) costs refundable depending on circumstances and at Butterfly Beginnings discretion.

In ALL instances should notice of cancellation be given before pick up of the placenta then travel charges are fully refundable.

If a Butterfly Beginnings Specialist is at fault(which has never happened to date), a full refund will be give and any subsequent placentas you birth will be processed at zero cost to you.

Full Name: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

Placenta Specialist: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

Chosen Methods

\$50 Pick-up fee for pickups further than 15km of Bentleigh East, Victoria

Fee FREE if you drop off placenta to Butterfly Beginning's in Bentleigh East

Please check off your preparation preferences below:

<p><u>ENCAPSULATION</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Raw Method</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Traditional Chinese Method</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ½ TCM ½ RAW</p> <p><u>TINCTURES</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Raw Placenta Tincture Base</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Herbal Tincture (powder base)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Placenta Essence Tincture</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Homeopathic Remedy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Homeopathic Mother Tincture</p>	<p><u>OTHER PLACENTA PRODUCTS</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Powder (used for cooking with)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Placenta Healing Balm (used for healing properties, scars, anti-aging, rashes, burns ect...)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Placenta Prints</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cord Keepsake</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Heart</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Spiral</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Letter of baby's name</p>
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Other Notes:

Where did you hear about Placenta Encapsulation?

Where did you find us (specifically where, which site, which friend)?

I _____ have read, understood, and agreed to the above procedures, information, and Statement of Policy. By signing below I give my consent to release my healthy placenta to Butterfly Beginning's for the purposes of the above chosen methods. I accept the responsibility of gaining possession of the placenta after the birth, handling of the placenta appropriately prior to Butterfly Beginning's taking possession of it, and notifying Butterfly Beginning's of my birth.

Total payment due prior to or upon submission of this contract: \$ _____

Client name	Date	Butterfly Beginnings Representative	Date
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Payment received on: _____ In the amount of: \$ _____ Receipt No: _____

Payment method: (please circle)

PayPal

Cash

Direct Deposit

Direct Deposit Details: Butterfly Beginnings

(preferred)

ANZ Bank

BSB: 013 483

Account No: 281925842

Pay Pal payments to: butterflybeginnings@hotmail.com please add 2% of total cost to your payment for PayPal fees.



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Client History Form

I respect your right to privacy and assure you that all answers are held in strictest confidence.

DATE:

Guestimate Birthing Date:		Expected Birth Location:	
Type of expected birth: Homebirth or Hospital		Vaginal or C-section? - if C, what date?	
Birthing Mother Name:		DOB:	age:
Spouse/Partner Name:		age:	
Address:			
Email:			
Birthing Mother's Ph:		Home Ph:	
Spouse/Partner Ph:		Alternate name and Ph:	
Food allergies or intolerances? <i>Please list all</i>			
Smoker Y/N			
Have you had any of the following :(Circle all that apply)			
Herpes/HPV virus Y/N		Active: Y/N	
Strep B Y/N		Please send a copy of your latest <u>virus</u> blood work (which should be in your hospital records).	
Hep B Y/N			
Hep C Y/N			
HIV Y/N			
Other STDs or other Infections or diseases please specify: Y/N			
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<u>Forms Checked (Specialist check list)</u>			
Viewed birth plan Y/N		Viewed most recent blood work Y/N Date:	
Paid Y/N Date:		Instruction Pack sent/given Y/N Date:	

