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We are Tiny Tickers, a small national charity with a mission to improve the early detection and care of babies with serious heart conditions – giving these babies a better start in life.

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Your 20-week pregnancy scan

Your baby’s check-up. Think HEART.

At your 20-week scan, your sonographer will look to see if your baby’s heart appears to be growing normally. Here are some of the things they’ll examine:

- Five different views of the heart, to see if everything looks normal at this stage
- All four chambers of the heart
- If the heart is the right size, in the correct place, and pointing in the right direction
- If the baby’s valves and chambers are working together
- If the two vessels leaving the heart cross each other as they exit, like they should do
- If the cross in the heart where the walls and valves meet is intact and working properly

Your sonographer will also check many other parts of your baby. And remember, it’s not always possible to see everything needed because of the baby’s position and other factors.