

Outcome

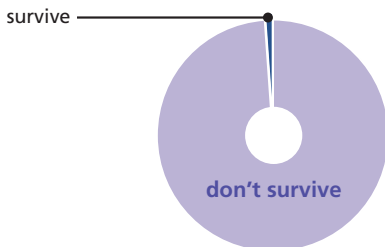
Follow up studies have been carried out, of babies born extremely prematurely as they grow up. These look at survival and disability rates, and difficulties which may not be seen until later, such as needing extra help in school, problems walking or moving around, social and emotional difficulties. Around 2/3 babies who survive, grow up without severe disability. However, a proportion of these children will develop other problems as they get older.

These pictures are based on what we know about the small number of babies born extremely prematurely in the UK. They show how many babies survive out of every 10 babies born alive this early, and of those who do survive, how many are likely to have a 'severe disability' when they grow up.

Outcome for babies born 22-26 weeks' gestation Epicure 2 (2006)

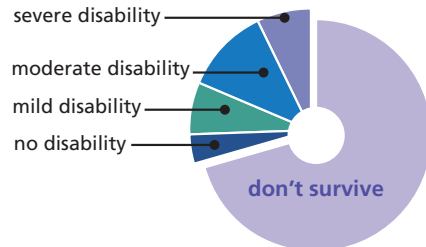
22 weeks

Only 1 in 100 babies survive with likely severe disability



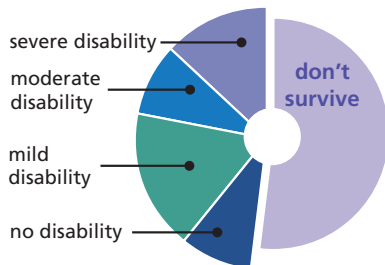
23 weeks

2-3 in 10 babies survive of whom two thirds have moderate to severe disability



24 weeks

4-5 in 10 babies survive of whom half have moderate to severe disability



25 weeks

6-7 in 10 babies survive of whom 4 in 10 have moderate to severe disability

