

10 cases in the world: Here's the remarkable story of woman who got pregnant while already carrying a baby

Noah's first close-ups, taken by ultrasound at seven and 10 weeks into the pregnancy, showed 39-year-old mom Rebecca Roberts and 43-year-old dad Rhys Weaver the baby they had tried for more than a year to conceive.

Then, at three months into the pregnancy, Noah suddenly had company.

An ultrasound taken at week 12 showed that Noah had an unexpected little sister — fraternal twin Rosalie.

"I got pregnant whilst I was already pregnant, which was absolutely crazy ... because that's not supposed to happen," Rebecca said.

Called a superfetation, getting pregnant while already carrying a baby is so rare that one [2008 study](#) found fewer than 10 recorded cases in the world.

Doctors told the couple the babies were actually conceived about three weeks apart, Rebecca said.

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In Rebecca's case, the egg was fertilized and implanted during the first ovulation, and "somehow she ovulated again during that same cycle," [gynecologist Lillian] Schapiro explained. "Another egg was also fertilized — became another embryo — and at different times both embryos implanted in the uterus."

Another reason superfetations are exceptional, Schapiro said, is that once the pregnancy begins, the uterus is no longer a hospitable place for implantation. That means the second embryo "must have managed to implant and grow at a stage when we would not have thought it would be able to grow."

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