Same-sex couple will raise infant quadruplets

Surrogate mother gives birth to 3 boys and a girl

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LEXINGTON, Ky. — A surrogate mother has given birth to quadruplets — three boys and a girl — who will be raised by their natural father and his homosexual partner.

Officials from several groups interested in surrogacy or gay parenting say they know of no similar cases that have resulted in quadruplets.

The babies were born just after 3 p.m. Friday, about nine weeks early, said Ruth Ann Childers, a spokeswoman for Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. The babies were in stable condition yesterday afternoon. The mother is in good condition, Childers said.

The infants' biological father, Michael Meehan, 36, and his partner, Thomas Dysarz, 31, have decided to name the boys Michael, Jacob and Tristan and the girl Taylor, Dysarz said.

"We were both there when the babies were born," Dysarz said. "They all look like Michael (their father), but especially when they held up (Tristan), the fourth baby, I said, 'There's little Michael.'"

All the boys were 16 inches long. Taylor, the smallest at 2 pounds, 14 ounces and 14½ inches long, and Michael, who weighed 3 pounds, were both born at 3:05 p.m., said Childers. Jacob, weighing 3 pounds, 5 ounces, followed at 3:07 p.m. Tristan, who weighed 3 pounds, 7 ounces, was born one minute later, she said.

The surrogate mother, a 23-year-old Central Kentucky woman who became pregnant in January through in vitro fertilization, declined to be interviewed or identified.

Hospitalized since July 16, she delivered the infants through a Caesarean section. The surrogate mother already has three young children, including twins. She met Meehan, a lawyer and former California politician, and Dysarz, a hairdresser, when she visited one of the two Planet Salons that the men own in Lexington.