



Event	Time (Weeks)
Foregut	
The buccopharyngeal membrane disappears.	3 rd
The liver primordium appears from the endoderm of distal foregut.	3 rd
The tongue forms as 2 lateral swellings and 1 medial swelling (the tuberculum impar), all of which originate from the first arch.	4 th
The lung bud forms from the ventral aspect of the foregut.	4 th
The stomach appears as a fusiform dilatation in the foregut.	4 th
The spleen primordium appears inside the dorsal mesogastrium.	5 th
Pyloric stenosis, if it occurs, is believed to develop at this timing.	3 rd – 6 th
The duodenal lumen is obliterated by proliferation of cells.	2 nd month
Salivary glands arise as solid outgrowth from mouth wall into the underlying mesenchyme.	7 th
Pancreatic islets develop from parenchymatous pancreatic tissue.	3 rd month
The right & left sides of anterior abdominal wall fuse → linea alba.	3 rd month
Insulin secretion begins.	5 th month
Midgut	
The cecal bud forms.	6 th
Physiological herniation starts.	6 th
Physiological herniation returns.	10 th – 11 th
Hindgut	
The cloacal membrane ruptures.	7 th
The caudalmost region of the anal canal recanalizes.	9 th
General Features	
The intraembryonic mesoderm differentiates into (1) paraxial (medial), (2) intermediate and (3) lateral portions.	3 rd
Parts of the gut (previously in contact with the posterior abdominal wall) are now suspended from the wall by their dorsal mesentery.	5 th