

Breastfeeding Supportive Advice for Fussy Baby

- Frequent skin-to-skin time
- Hold (cloth carrier), walk, rock or dance with baby
- Swaddling, motion such as swinging, white noise, sucking (finger or pacifier after one month)

Sore Nipples

- Most commonly caused by incorrect positioning or latch – evaluate latch or refer to Lactation Consultant
- Other causes – bacterial or fungal infection (prescribe appropriate medicine)
- Fungal infection: treat both mother and infant at the same time until symptom free for at least 3 to 4 days
 - Mother – Antifungal ointment for nipples after each feeding until symptom free (1-3 weeks) or 0.5% Gentian Violet once daily to nipple/areola for 3 days; if no improvement or recurrent, prescribe oral Fluconazole
 - Infant – Nystatin oral suspension for mouth until symptom free (1-2 weeks) or 0.5% Gentian Violet once daily for 3 days; if no improvement or recurrent, prescribe oral Fluconazole; antifungal ointment for perineal fungal infection
 - Note: With Gentian Violet, higher % and/or longer treatment may cause burning/soreness/blisters
 - Remind parents to clean all artificial teats at least daily until fungal infection cleared

Mastitis

- Milk NOT infected; weaning NOT recommended
- Recommend frequent breastfeeding to keep breast “empty”
- Pump if too painful to breastfeed
- Continuous warm compresses; massage prior to feedings
- Anti-inflammatory pain medicine
- Prescribe antibiotics if fever and pain greater than 12 hours

Return to Work

- Mothers can work and breastfeed with adequate support and planning
- Recommend beginning to pump and store milk at least a couple of weeks before returning to work
- Wait until 2 - 4 weeks old to introduce bottles
- Milk storage: 5 days in refrigerator or 5 months in freezer

Resources:

Department of Health

www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Breastfeeding/Pages/Breastfeeding.aspx

Healthy Baby Line

1-800-986-2229

PA Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics

www.paaap.org

Pennsylvania WIC

www.pawic.com/WhyWicPromotesBreastfeeding.aspx

www.womenshealth.gov/breastfeeding

1-800-994-9662

International Lactation Consultant Association

www.ilca.org

La Leche League

www.llli.org 1-800-525-3243

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Breastfeeding Encourage Support Teach

Exclusive breastfeeding ensures the best possible health, developmental and psychosocial outcomes for mother and child.

Adapted AAP Policy Statement

Colostrum is the baby's first immunization.

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Pregnancy

- Recommend exclusive breastfeeding for 6 months and continuation for at least 1 year (adding complementary solid food starting at about 6 months) and thereafter as beneficial for mother and child
- Discuss normal increase in breast size
- Encourage parents to attend a class or group meeting and read about breastfeeding
- Encourage breastfeeding as infant feeding choice as women make decision early in pregnancy (health care provider's recommendations essential for breastfeeding success)

Delivery Room

- Safe skin-to-skin immediately after birth (stable baby - observation)
- Encourage breastfeeding within the first hour
- Recommend delaying Vitamin K and eye ointment until after first breastfeeding

First 48 Hours (in hospital)

- Support and encourage rooming-in; safe skin-to-skin
- Practice safety
- Encourage frequent breastfeeding without time restriction
- Wake baby if needed (6 to 8 times 1st day, > 8 times 2nd day)
- Evaluate latch problems and refer to Lactation Consultant if needed
- Discourage use of formula, water, glucose water, bottles and pacifiers
- Monitor weight loss and elimination patterns

Signs of effective latch and positioning (educate mothers prior to discharge)

- Baby cues to feed (sucking hands, rooting, smacking lips)
- Mother is comfortable; baby is chest to chest, well supported
- Baby achieves wide open mouth, tongue down, all of nipple and some areola in mouth
- Mother observes baby with rhythmic suckling and hears audible swallowing as milk volume increases
- Mother achieves pain free breastfeeding, although initial discomfort can be normal first few days

First Week

- 8 to 12+ feeds each 24 hours is normal
- Baby full and satisfied within 30-40 mins
- Breasts are much softer when baby done feeding
- Change in stools: black green brown loose yellow
- By day 5: 4 or more stools/day, voids with stool diapers
- Evaluate latch, milk supply and yellow stools by day 6. If needed, refer to Lactation Consultant
- Mother should rest when baby rests, eat well and get help
- Discourage pacifier until effective breastfeeding and milk supply established (about 1 month)
- Recommend Vitamin D 400 IU/day, starting within first few days (AAP 2008)

First 6 Weeks

- 8 to 12+ feeds each 24 hours is normal
- Night feedings are normal
- "Growth spurts" normal at about 10 days, 3 and 6 weeks: more frequent feedings for 24-48 hours
- Milk supply determined by amount of milk removed from breasts
- Milk supply increases and decreases according to child growth needs
- Specific food restrictions for mother not necessary but alcohol and caffeine use in moderation

Why recommend exclusive (breastmilk only) breastfeeding?

- Formula supplementation increases illness and health risks
- Formula changes gut flora
- Formula supplementation can interfere with latch and/or milk supply
- Breastmilk is only food needed for the first 6 months

BREASTFEEDING CHALLENGES

Jaundice

- Continue breastfeeding; effective frequent breastfeeding with milk transfer helps to prevent jaundice
- If milk transfer is NOT effective, baby too sleepy to feed or has 10% weight loss, compliment breastfeeding with expressed breastmilk (preferred), donor human milk or formula – refer to Lactation Consultant
- < 38 weeks gestation – higher risk, so need close monitoring
- Guidelines: Management of Hyperbilirubinemia (AAP 2004)

Engorgement

- Breastfeed frequently
- Hand express for comfort or latch-on help
- Hand expression video: med.stanford.edu/newborns/professional-education/breastfeeding/hand-expressing-milk.html
- Warm compresses before, cold compresses after feedings
- Anti-inflammatory medications for 24 hours

Milk Supply

- Perception of low milk supply more common than reality
- Adequate stool diapers and weight gain pattern = adequate milk supply
- Refer to Lactation Consultant: milk supply and weight gain issues

Medications

- Most medications compatible with breastfeeding
- Use breastfeeding specific resources regarding medicines such as:
 - *Medications and Mothers' Milk* by Thomas Hale
 - LactMed App: toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/newtoxnet/lactmed.htm
 - LactMed Website: toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/newtoxnet/lactmed.htm
 - Human Lactation Center: 585-275-0088 (professionals only)
 - Infant Risk Center: 806-352-2519

Smoking

- Encourage mothers to quit
- Smoking is not a contraindication to breastfeeding (AAP 2005)
- Breastfeeding reduces risk of infant respiratory illness if still smoking
- Recommend smoke-free home, car, child care
- Refer to free Quit Line: 1-800-QUIT-NOW (784-8669)
- Consider prescribing nicotine replacement therapy