Lactation 101



Latching and letdown and pumping, oh my!

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) and Breastfeeding

As per WHO guidelines...

If you are breastfeeding and **have symptoms of or confirmed COVID-19**, take steps to avoid spreading the virus to your baby:

- Wash your hands before touching your baby
- Wear a face mask, if possible, while feeding at the breast
- Wash your hands before touching pump or bottle parts and clean all parts after each use



Breastfeeding if you have COVID-19

- <u>Breast milk provides protection against many illnesses</u> and is the best source of nutrition for most infants.
- You, along with your family and healthcare providers, should decide whether and how to start or continue breastfeeding
- In limited studies, COVID-19 <u>has not been detected in breast milk</u>; however we do not know for sure whether mothers with COVID-19 can spread the virus via breast milk.
- If you are *sick and choose to direct breastfeed*:
 - Wear a facemask and wash your hands before each feeding.
- If the you are *sick and choose to express breast milk*:
 - Express breast milk to establish and maintain milk supply.
 - A dedicated breast pump should be provided.
 - Wash hands before touching any pump and before expressing breast milk

Benefits of Breastfeeding

For Baby:

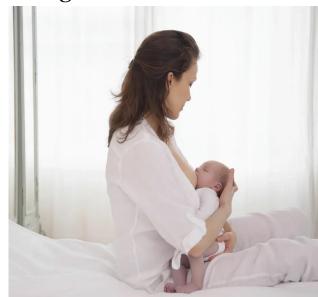
Perfect Infant Nutrition

- Satisfies baby's emotional needs
- Helps pass meconium and prevent jaundice
- Passes along antibodies and aids in development of baby's immune system
- Lowers baby's risk of developing asthma and allergies
- Lowers risk of SIDS
- Natural pain relief during/after medical procedures

Benefits of Breastfeeding

For Mom:

Lowers mom's risk of breast cancer Suckling helps shrink mother's uterus PP and reduces bleeding Helps mom's lose pregnancy weight Reduces mom's insulin requirements Less missed work for sick days Reduces mom's risk of osteoporosis **Breastmilk is FREE** More environmentally friendly Much easier diaper changes



How Partners/family/friends can help with Breastfeeding

Be an Expert Be the Coach Be a Personal Assistant Be the Gate Keeper Be a Cheerleader





BREASTFEEDING BASICS



Anatomy of Breast

Milk ducts & Openings

Milk is synthesized and stored in ducts 5-15 openings per nipple Ducts fan out in all directions



Anatomy of Breast

FIL protein

Empty breast makes more milk The demand for milk helps to create supply



Anatomy of Breast

<u>Nipple vs Areola</u>

Investigate: Nipple Shape, Breast Density/size how can you shape to make easiest for baby?

"Bite an apple" vs "Sip a straw"



Composition of Breastmilk

Colostrum (day 0-3ish) high in calories, teaspoons full, laxative effect

"Milk comes in" (day 3-4ish) ALL the MILK, regulates as baby feeds over the next few weeks

Period of Milk regulation (weeks 1-6)

Milk Maintenance Phase (week 6-the conclusion of BF)

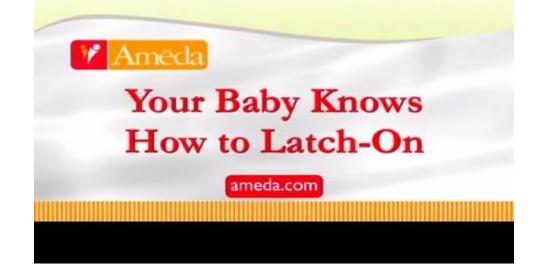


One Side or Two?

- Most people should offer both breasts in a feeding.
- The first breast is the "meal" and the second breast is the dessert.
- At the following feeding the breast that was dessert last time becomes the meal this time.

When do I Switch?

- It's important to follow your baby's cues.
- If baby has slowed, it can be a good idea to burp and switch sides to wake baby up again.
- If you've nursed on one side for 25-30 minutes, switch sides to allow your nipple to rest.
- If you see your baby nursing but can feel the breast is less full and no longer hear swallowing noises, can switch sides.



Latching Baby Let's get familiar with what a latching baby looks like

How do I know if my baby is hungry?

- Licking lips, smacking/sucking sounds, "I'm Hungry!" opening mouth, sticking tongue out
- Sucking on anything nearby
- Rooting (turning head & opening mouth)
- Hand to mouth
- Fidgeting, squirming, breathing fast. positioning for nursing
- Fussing

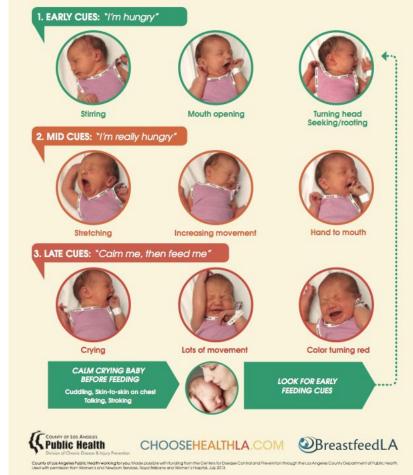
RDIN

- Frantic, agitated movements
- Crying, turning red



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Breast-Feeding Positions



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- Use pillows to support baby and your arm.
- Remember to bring baby to you. Think of it as bringing baby to the table.
- Keep baby's head, neck, and hips in line
- Practice SAFE sleep while nursing.

• Importance of good latch

Latch

- Vaccum seal helps to limit air swallowed by baby "gas"
- Unlatching is just as important! Use your finger and go in at the corner of babies lips to break seal before unlatching.
- Range of comfort. When baby first latches may be uncomfortable. Once nursing should be more comfortable and able to relax.

- Use Rooting Reflex to Latch Baby
- Hold breast as a "breast sandwich"
- Sweep nipple from baby's nose, over lips, down to chin, and back up
- When baby opens wide, draw baby onto the breast



FREQUENCY FREQUENCY FREQUENCY

- The Key to Breastfeeding Success is Frequency.
- The more baby is put to breast, the more the breast is demanded to create supply.
- The more often baby feeds, the faster weight gain will happen.
- Nurse every 2-3hr during DAY & no more than 3-4hr during NIGHT (until birth weight re-gained).

How Do I know baby is getting enough??

Listen for Swallows

Changes in Suck/Swallow

Wake baby Before the coma

Feeding at least 8-12x per 24h

Output

Signs of Contentment

Follow-ups For Weight Checks

Is baby getting enough?



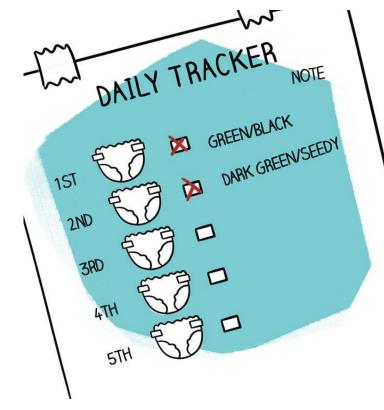
Skin to skin- nature's default!

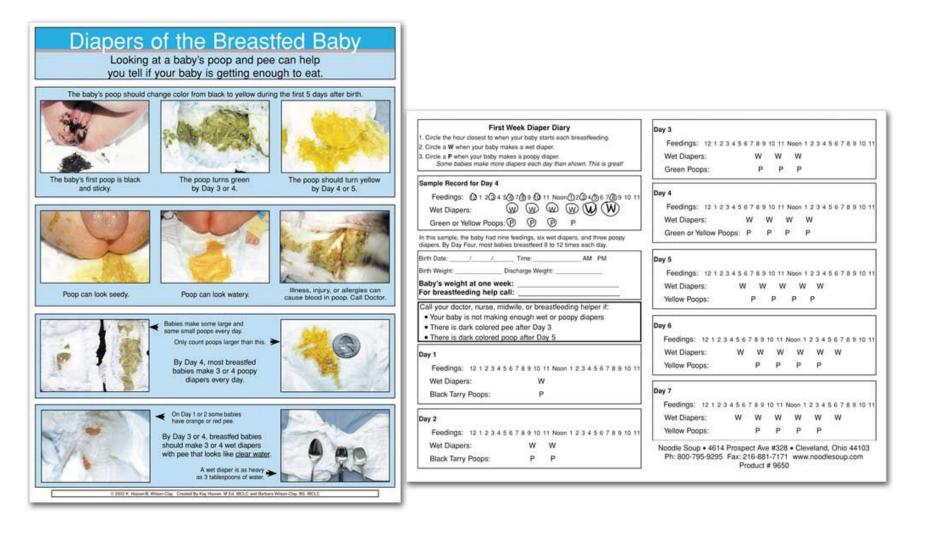


- Brings calm to mother and baby
- Stabilizes newborn temp
- Improves weight gain and feeding patterns
- Decreases mama's pain
- Improves baby's breathing
- Establishes a sense of trust and affirmation in parenting decisions

Pees and Poops

- Output is reflective of input
- Number of wets should equal days of life for the first week
- Poop color progression
- **Track it!** (Notebook & apps)





Common Concerns

NO Breast Changes during Pregnancy

NO Breast Changes by Day 3 PP

Sore Nipples

Engorgement/Overfullness

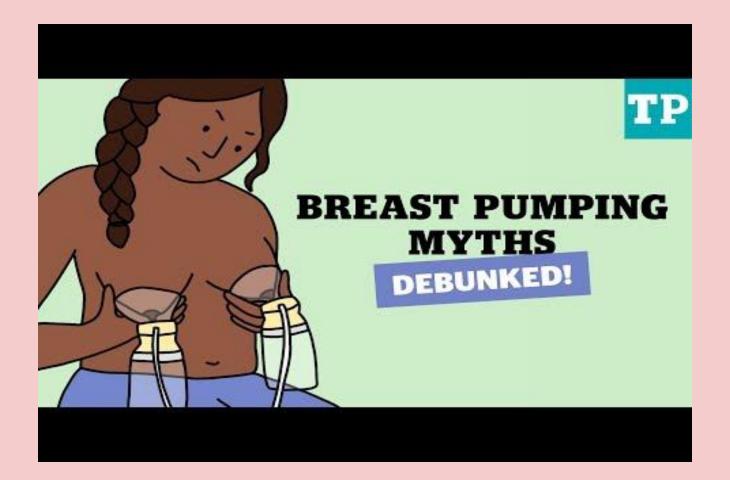
Clogged Ducts/Mastitis

Thrush

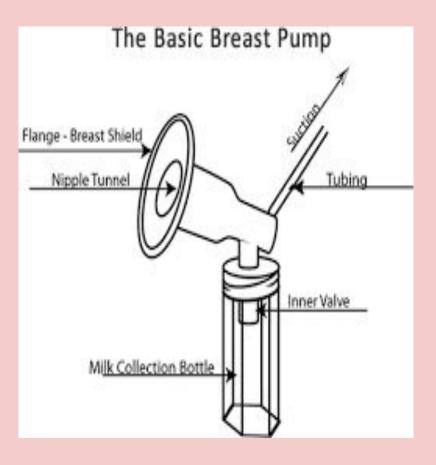
Leaking

CALL-come in-ask your lactation consultant!





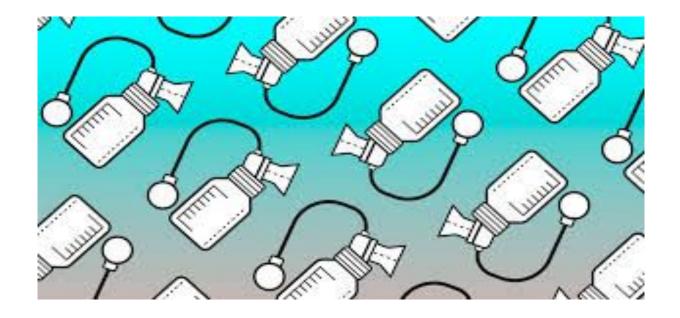
BREASTPUMP PARTS



How soon will you need new parts? Sooner than you think

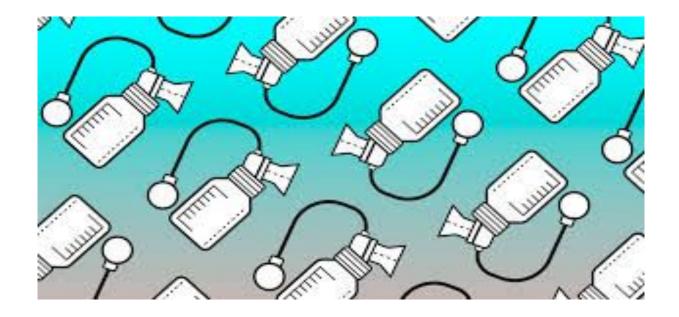
Good maintenance will protect your supply when you can't be with your baby





Does EVERY mom need to pump?

- No, some moms choose to hand express or use a collection device such as a Haakaa.
- Some moms supplement with formula if they do not want to pump.



When should I Start Pumping?

- When to start? Usually waiting until about 4-6 weeks after delivery is good.
- How to build a supply for occasional bottle or workdays or extended absence? You'll have a greater supply in the morning then evening. Waiting an hour after feeding to pump or pumping off the rest of a feeding if baby didn't empty both breasts are two methods.
- Pumping is a different skill than BF (practice!!)
- Bottles and PACED feeding. Sitting baby up and allowing baby to take breaks at the bottle simulates breastfeeding. Look for bottles with newborn slow flow nipples.

Hand Expression



Alternatives to Double Electric Pump

Haakaa



Alternatives to Double Electric Pump

Hand Pump



Alternatives to Double Electric Pump

Breast Milk Storage Guidelines

Meant for full-term, healthy, non-medically fragile children who are not currently sick.

Storage	Room Temp.	Fridge	Freezer
Time	66*F To 78*F	< 41*F	< 4*F
Ideal Acceptable	••• 3-4 Hours ••• 6-8 Hours	72 Hours 5-8 Days	6 Months Regular freezer 12 Months Deep freezer
Most experts agree it is safe to keep an unfinished bottle for the next feeding, within 1-2 hours.	Freshly expressed will last longer in a cooler room.	Store towards the back, away from the door and sides.	
	As long as milk is within storage time, it's safe to freeze. Remember to rotate milk to keep as fresh as possible.		
	- Villing V	ommal Defro	ost by leaving in the

Thoroughly wash and dry your hands before expressing or storing.

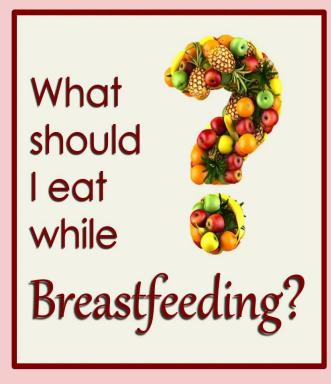
Wash containers and pump parts with warm soapy water and air dry completely. Warm refrigerated milk by immersing container in warm water or use a bottle warmer. Do NOT leave it in the heat, heat it in the microwave, or on the stove.

Once warmed the milk can be used within 1-2 hours.

Defrost by leaving in the fridge or holding under cool running water, and then bring to cool water temperature.

If ice crystals are still present it's safe to refreeze.

Once **thawed** the milk is good for up to 24 hours, if kept in the fridge.



- Breastfeeding requires about 500 more kcal by mom each day.
- Moms should focus on good nutrition.
 - Moms can eat whatever foods they like, but know anything that is spicey or causes gas for mom may also be/do so for baby.

Resources

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