Is My Baby Getting Enough?

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Breastfeeding

During the first two weeks try to feed your baby 12-16 times every 24 hours.

A "Feed" is when the baby has noticible gulping for 2-10 minutes (it varies) on each breast. Flutter, pacifying and comfort sucking are important but do not count as a feed.

When your baby has regained birthweight, you can move towards 8-10 feeds in 24 hours, knowing that some babies will still nurse 16 times a day.

Call or text 24/7 (845) 750-4402

Baby's Name

Birthday

Diapers

Poopy diapers are the best indicator that a baby is eating enough. The poop should be at least as big as this circle.

Day 1: Black sticky poop - Meconium

Day 2: Brownish sticky poop - This means colostrum is making its way through your baby.

Day 3: Brown/Green poop - Colostrum and early milk starts change the color even more.

Day 4: Green to yellow poop - You'll see this after the milk comes in.

Day 5: Mustard yellow poop means your baby is drinking milk and digesting it well.

Check one box for each Feed and each Poopy Diaper

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^{*} Recommended weight checks

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Date

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Making More Milk

Breastfeeding

Feed your baby 12-16 times every 24 hours. Restrict use of pacifiers for emergencies until weight gain is predictable.

A "Feed" is when the baby has noticible gulping for 2-10 minutes (it varies) on each breast. Flutter, pacifying and comfort sucking are important but do not count as a feed.

When your baby is gaining steadily and predictably, you can move towards 8-10 feeds in 24 hours, knowing that some babies will still nurse 16 times a day.

Supplemental feeds can be breastfeeding, breastmilk, or formula. A feed is 2 ounces or less, fed slowly.

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Green Poop: Generally indicates oversupply, can be food sensitivity or greens in mom's diet.

Green and yellow alternating: Can indicate oversupply or irregular feeding

Brown/Green poop: Can indicate oversupply, food sensitivity, gas drops like Colic Calm



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