# **Antenatal Breastfeeding Talk**



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日期 空局 Date Wife Right side of rear door (this room)

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# HA Apps - "HApi Journey 喜程"



The HA Apps – "HApi Journey" are available for download on iPhone and Android phones.

The Apps allows users to record the health status during pregnancy, such as blood pressure, blood glucose levels, time schedule of antenatal appointment, as well as the timing tools for the measurement of uterine contractions during childbirth.

In addition, users can also view various kinds of pregnancy health information in the program, including nutritional information during pregnancy, breastfeeding, postnatal care and the information of OBS units in all public hospitals.



# Info for nursing mum apps





### World Health Organization Recommendation

#### First 6 months : Exclusive Breastfeeding

Thereafter (after 6 months) : Introduce nutritional, adequate & safe complementary foods

Continue breastfeeding for up to 2 years of age or beyond







**Promote, Protect & Support breastfeeding** 

**Establish Infant feeding policy** 

Provide a breastfeeding friendly environment





#### For baby

#### Made for baby's individual needs

- Help brain development, increase intelligence
- **Support retina development**
- Special enzymes ease digestion & absorption
- Increase immunity ,fewer ear infection, meningitis, diarrhea, obesity & diabetes mellitus



Less likelihood for allergies

#### For mothers

- Help uterus to contract, reduce bleeding after delivery
- Reduce fat, help to regain prepregnant body shape
- Reduce the risk of osteoporosis, breast cancer & ovarian cancer
- Promote bonding
- Contraception, delay return of fertility
- Convenient, save time & money



### For society

- Reduce the risk of infection & chronic illnesses, less medical expenses
- Reduce carbon emission, protect environment
- Reduce absenteeism





### **Exclusive Breastfeeding for first 6 months**

Breast-milk provides adequate calorie, nutrients & water

Perfect gut protection

No need to supplement with water/ formula



### **Exclusive Breastfeeding for first 6 months**



### **Babies need breastmilk for at least 2 years**

- Immunity of baby matures at around 2 -3 years old
- Breast-milk provides adequate calories & nutritious

Baby age	Calories contribution by breast milk
6-8 month	70%
9-11 month	55%
12-23 month	40%



- Experience different tastes through breastfeeding
- Suckling on the breast helps oral muscle development

### **Unnecessary supplementation with formula**

#### Affect breast milk supply Baby fed with formula with reduce breast milk intake & thus milk production Bottle feeding could induce nipple confusion, sore nipples Affect breast emptying and reduce breast milk production

# 2. Increase the risk of infection

Affect the protection over gut wall by breast-milk Formula is not sterile





# **Breast changes**

Hormonal change

- Breast tissue, alveolar & milk ducts growth
- Darkening of areola
- Colostrum produced in mid-pregnancy



Different sizes of breasts Could produce Same milk quantity that satisfy baby's needs



Frequent suckling stimulates milk production

Supply & demand

Baby suckling stimulate milk production. (More suckling -> more breast milk BB) Effective breast emptying : Increase milk supply (Milk production is positively association with proportion of breast emptying ) If milk stasis, the breast would not further produce milk and cause involution.

#### **Milk producing hormones**

#### Prolactin

# More secretion at night

Makes milk

Night time feeding helps to make more milk

#### Oxytocin

Releases milk (Milk ejection reflex) While baby suckling, oxytocin causes breast muscles contracts and secret breast-milk Helps uterus to contract,協 助子宮收縮, reduce post delivery bleeding, you may feel involution pain



### Day 1 to Day 3: Colostrum

#### **Relatively less in**

#### amount

To match baby's needs & stomach size and development

# **Early initiation** of breastfeeding help

establish milk supply



### Day 3-4 : Milk comes in

Increase in milk production, start to feel **breast** 

#### engorgement.

Breast milk colours may change from yellowish to creamy white





- According to breast milk characteristics, 3 stages could be identified:
- Within 5 days after birth:
  Colostrum
- 5~10days after birth: Transitional milk
- 10~14 days after birth: Mature milk
- Fat content increased in transitional & mature milk



#### **Breast milk production & baby's stomach size**

#### Why baby wants breast milk every 1 to 2 hours ?

- **1.** Newborn's stomach size is small
- 2. Breast milk is easily absorbed
- 3. Thus colostrum is condensed
- 4. Frequent breastfeeding satisfy baby's needs



# How to have a good start ?

- **1.** Connecting with baby during pregnancy
- 2. Early initiation of immediate & sustained skin to skin contact
- **3.** Responsive feeding
- **4**. Partner's/ Family's support



### How to help encourage a relationship with baby ?



# **Encourage early bonding**

Let baby feels parent's love, develop sense of security Stabilize body function & emotion, helps brain development

During pregnancy: Notice when baby movesFarly initiation of immediate & sustained skin to skin contactResponsive to baby's needsRooming-in on a 24-hour basis

# **After delivery**

### Golden 2 hours

After delivery, early initiation of immediate & sustained skin to skin contact

Let baby explore & take a big mouthful of breast

This is the **BEST** time to start breastfeeding & stimulate milk supply



#### Why is skin-to-skin contact important ?





#### Calms mother & baby

- Familiar with challenges after birth
- Keeps baby warm, regulate heartbeat & breathing
- Better immunity & brain development
- Facilitate loving relationship
- **Good start to breastfeeding**

# Delay baby's first bath



## 24-hour rooming in

Irrespective how the baby's born & feeding option

Helps mum to observe baby's feeding cues

Let mum response to baby's needs

**Reduce infection & sudden infant death risks** 

Establish a loving relationship between mum & baby

Baby cries less & less stress hormones level results





# **Responsive feeding**



Baby feels being loved Love hormone (Oxytocin) Reduces stress hormones, stabilize body & emotion Helps brain & body development

### Signs that tell your baby is hungry

#### **Feeding cues**















## **Practical tips**

#### **Mum's preparation**

Bath & change underpants daily

Change baby's diaper & wash your hands before & after

Adequate pain relief

Prepare a comfortable place

No need to cleanse the breasts each feed



Recommend not to use bras with wire

### **Comfortable feeding position**



### How do I position my baby during breastfeeding





#### Key principles :

Nose to nipple

Head & body in a straight line

#### Held close to mother

#### Able to head tilt

Don't let baby's little hands, towel etc. to block the way between you & your baby

Avoid only baby's head turn to your breast but not with its body & affect swallowing

### **Breastfeeding position**





### **Common breastfeeding position**





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## How to bring baby to the breast ?



Nose on target with nipple.



Wait for wide mouth to latch.

Lips flanged. Chin tucked.

**1.** Nose to nipple



Asymmetric latch

2. Support head & neck, let way a head tilt

**3.** When baby's mouth is wide open, bring baby to the breast

**4.** Let lower lip touches the lip first

## Effective suckling : Suckle both areola & nipple

## Signs of Baby's good attachment 1 to 8

7.Nipple is pain free

6.Rapid suckles initially then slow deep suckles

5.More areola above the top lip than below the bottom lip (if areola is seen) 8. Baby contented

1. Mouth wide open

2.Lower lip turned outward

3.Chin indenting the breast

**4.***Rounded cheeks* 



1. Feel contented & have a good sleep

2. Adequate wee wee & poo poo, weight gain

After
 breastfeeding, the breast goes soft

### **Feeding schedule**

Non-restrictive First day after birth: 3-4 times After 1<sup>st</sup> day: at least 8-12 times Well attached to the breast First few days : Let baby suckles both breast & rotate breasts alternatively as the first breast when offer When milk comes in : Let baby finish the first breast and let baby decide whether he wants the other



Rooming-in

**Every baby has its own pace** 

#### 1. Baby's wee wee & poo poo

First	2 d	ays
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- 1-2 wee wee
- 1-2 poo poo (Dark greenish, black & sticky meconium)



### 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> day • 3-4 heavier wee wee

 2-3 poo poo (still dark in colour but should be softer)

#### From 5<sup>th</sup> day onwards

- At least 5-6 odourless and light yellowish wee wee (about 3 table spoon each time)
- Mustard yellow colour and should be larger in volume

- 2. Baby is satisfied, contented and comes off from the breast by himself/herself. And sleep for around 1 hour.
- Some Signs of getting enough milk? weight gain
- **3.Weight loss in first 10 days but gained back to its birth weight by day 10** 
  - First few days : Slight weight loss
  - Around 10-14 days: Back to birth weight
  - First 4 months: Every month at least 0.5kg weight gain
  - Around 5-6 months: Double birth weight



# **Expression of breast-milk tips**

#### Indications

- Cannot direct breastfeeding (e.g. Baby mother separation)
- Engorgement (for baby to latch on easier)
- Storage (before return to work)

Preparations Hand hygiene, milk container

Relax, do some breast massage

Hot compress for 2-3 minutes when breast engorged

Express 7-8 times daily to keep milk supply

At least one at night

# How to express breast-milk



# Normal baby physiological change



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## **Cluster Nursing**

- Some baby exhibits <u>Cluster nursing</u> in first few weeks after birth
- i.e. Baby bunch feeds close together at certain times of the day (often in the evening).
- They may leave a couple of hours between feeds.
- →Don't worry,

try to observe the overall feeding in a day

## **Cluster Nursing**

- Mum can also observe baby's wee wee & poo poo to tell baby is getting enough breast-milk
- → If seems lag behind, mum can try
  - Wake baby to feed
  - Increase breastfeeding time
     & schedule
- Rousing baby techniques :
- 1. Choose a time when baby is in an active sleep period
- 2. Slowly un-swaddle baby
- 3. Change diaper
- 4. Sing a song/ stroking his hands & the soles of the feet



# **Neonatal jaundice**



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### **Presentation:**

Yellow colour of skin

Yellow eye white

**Feed poorly** 

**Tired baby** 

Signs of dehydration (e.g Less Wee Wee)





# **Neonatal jaundice**

### **Do I need to suspend breastfeeding?**

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- Instead, increase feeding frequent
- Improve baby's wee wee & poo poo
- Help speed up bilirubin to be removed from the body
- No need other supplement/ glucose water/ water



#### Lactose in breast-milk helps baby to pass more poo-poo & thus relieve jaundice

# How to soothe a crying baby

Is my baby hungry & cry?



### The truth is • • •

Even when baby is full, he may cry; so no need to worry..... if baby is getting enough wee wee, poo poo & weight gain

#### **Stay cool & observe**

Sometimes, it's quite frustrating when baby keeps crying

Stay cool & observe , rule out sickness & physiological needs



## Why babies cry:

Physiological
needs
e.g. a dirty diaper,
needs sleep

Too much/ less stimulation
(loud noise, bright light, bordem)



- Not feeling well

#### Immediate response

According to baby's needs



#### **Gentle rocking**

Swivel back and forth Then gently & gradually slow down all motions

#### **Reduce stimulation**

Baby has hard time to process all the stimulation e.g light, noise

#### Swaddling

- Baby enjoy being swaddles
- Retreat to a serene spot with soft music

#### Massage

Some babies find stroking soothing

## Give a big hug

Hug your baby has a wonderful calming effect.

Better for baby's development, develop sense of security



## What to do if your baby's still crying ?

## **Calm yourself first**

- Take a deep breath, Relax Relax Relax
- Even wisest parents can't read a baby's mind
- Let your family to help
- Appreciate partner's help
- Find tried-and-true methods



✓ What's always true is ...baby love to be with mum











## **Growth spurts**

Usually have initial spurt between 2-3 weeks; Another between 6-8 weeks. Expect more at 3 & 6 months.

Don't worry, keep breastfeeding according to baby's needs

*Don't* give up on breastfeeding when baby seems hungrier.

Temporary frequent feedings help to boost your milk supply.



# **Partner's participation**

# Recruit help from your partner

Support, accompany, listen & encourage



- Let mum has adequate rest & keep milk supply
- Help mum to prepare breastfeeding
- Share household chores & prepare food
- Take care & soothe baby
- Do some neck massage/ hot application
- Arrange visiting time
- Share parenting views
- Leave time for dating







# **Diet during lactation**

- Balanced diet, extra 500 calories a day
- Adequate hydration
- Avoid (1) Unhealthy fats
   (2) Smoking or drinking alcohol (small amount)
  - (3) Caffeinated drinks (small amount)

What should I eat to produce adequate breast milk for my baby ?



Galactogogues may have variable effect on milk supply

### **Common breastfeeding problem – sore nipple**



- Most frequent cause: incorrect latch on at the breast
- If baby is positioned well at the breast, nipple soreness will disappear
- Apply breast milk over nipple & areola for skin care
- Continue breastfeeding to keep milk supply

**Common breastfeeding problem –engorgement** 

# Usually happen 3-6 days after delivery with A feeling of fullness, heaviness, tenderness & warmth



- Early & frequent breastfeeding
- Responsive feeding
- Correct latch on & positioning
- No supplementation



Apply cold compress with bags of frozen vegetables/ cabbage leave after feeding

## **Breastfeeding mum back to work**

#### Pregnancy

- Express your needs & seek colleagues & supervisors support
- Let your family know your choice of baby feeding

#### **After delivery**

- Nurse frequently
- Build up milk supply
- Learn how to express breast-milk

#### 2 weeks before work

- Establish your milk bank
- May try to use bottle to feed your baby
- Prepare suitable equipment







#### **Back to work**

- Breastfeeding at home
- 1-2 times lactation break during work
- Prepare baby's photo that helps milk ejection reflex
- Balance work & breastfeeding



# **Gentle Reminder**

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