

TOOLKIT FOR BREASTFEEDING MANAGEMENT

A Guide to Best Practice for the Non-Latching Newborn

No bottles, unless every other option is deemed to be ineffective

0 - 6 hours

- ✂ Skin to skin
- ✂ Hand express anytime (teach parents to do independently)
- ✂ Drops are sufficient (directly into newborn's mouth or cup, spoon, syringe)

24 hours and beyond

- ✂ Skin to skin
- ✂ Continue 6 - 24 hour suggestions
- ✂ Assess reason for latch difficulties – Is it a newborn issue or a mom issue?
- ✂ Refer to Lactation Consultant
- ✂ Check baby's weight

6 - 24 hours

- ✂ Skin to skin
- ✂ Watch for feeding cues/attempts to latch
- ✂ Hand expression to continue
- ✂ Regiment of care: If mom hand expresses every 1-2 hours, she can keep adding drops into a medicine cup. (Can be kept at room temperature for 6-8 hours) or feed drops to baby
- ✂ Introduce pumping (for stimulation, not volume)
- ✂ Regiment of care: breast massage, pump, hand expression every 2-3 hours

- ✂ Ensure mom attends the Breastfeeding Class to learn about how to do compressions and to learn how to recognize drinking versus not drinking
- ✂ Throughout a breastfeeding assessment, ensure no clinical signs of dehydration or hypoglycaemia
- ✂ If supplementation is required, EBM should be your first choice and no bottles
- ✂ Ensure informed consent obtained and that documentation is completed
- ✂ Ensure mom is aware of the breastfeeding video on Channel 86
- ✂ Inpatient Lactation Consultant can be reached on pager 519.220.3117