

For a Mother Requesting to Breastfeed

Skin to Skin immediately following birth

If unstable at birth:

- Delay skin to skin
- Mother to start hand expression or pumping if infant admitted to SCN

Newborn latches and successfully breastfeeds

Yes

No

Educate Mother on Breastfeeding

- Assessment of Feeding Cues
- Proper hand positioning and latch
- Hand Expression with return demonstration
- Importance of Skin-to- Skin
- Importance of Rooming in
- Breastfeed every 3 hours and on demand for at least 8 to 12 times a day
- Log breastfeeding attempts on log sheet
- Pacifier use and interference

Failure to Latch Successfully Education

- Show Hand Expression and show return demonstration
- Syringe or Spoon feed expressed milk
- Encourage skin to skin as often as mother can
- Assess frequently for feeding cues
- Proper positioning and latch
- Attempt to latch and feed every 3 hours and on demand for at least 8-12 times a day
- Log breastfeeding attempts on log sheet
- Utilize breastfeeding tools to assist latch

Yes

Newborn latches and successfully breastfeeds following interventions

No

Assess Infant for:

- Unstable vitals
- Hypoglycemia
- Hypothermia
- Sepsis
- Tongue movement-tongue tie

No Abnormal Findings

- Continue latch attempts q 3 hour
- Hand express and or use manual/electric pump to stimulate milk production
- Syringe or spoon feed expressed milk
- Encourage skin to skin
- Lactation Consultant to see patient within prior to d/c

Abnormal findings were found:

- Notify Pediatrician and Lactation Consultant
- Document
- Mother to hand express and pump
- Establish feeding plan- Consider Donor Milk/supplementation
- Syringe/spoon feed infant