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# Newborn education points to

### Support Newborns and their families



#### **Newborn Feeding**

Breast(chest)feeding can provide a protective aspect for newborns

- any amount is beneficial
- discuss preferred method to provide birthparents milk to their newborn (direct breast(chest) or bottle)



#### Safe Sleep



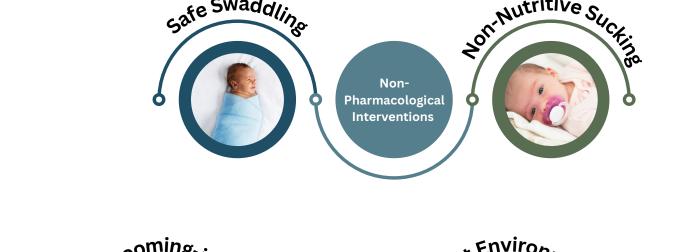
This population is at high risk for sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

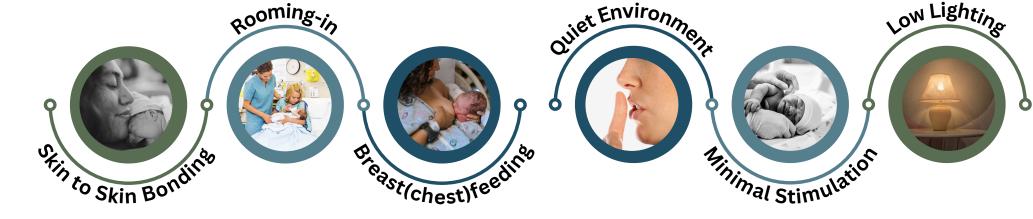
- Refer to the <u>Safe Infant Sleep</u> Practice Resource developed by the Reproductive Care Program.
- Key points include:
  - Back to sleep, smoke free environment, encourage breast(chest)feeding (protective against SIDS), safe sleep environment (nothing but a fitted sheet)



#### Non-Pharmacological Care

Educate birthparents/parents on different nonpharmacological strategies to use to support newborn withdrawal while in hospital and when transitioned home.







#### Signs of Withdrawal at Home

Birthparents should continue to monitor their newborns at home for signs of withdrawal.

- Should the newborn present with worsening signs or
- is unable to eat, sleep or console at home birthparents/parents should seek immediate medical attention.

