

First Week Feeding Log

All new families wonder if their baby is getting enough milk while breastfeeding. This log allows you to track the number of feedings, and your baby's output. If your baby is reaching the goals each day – relax, this is a good indication they are getting enough milk!

- Circle the hour that your baby nurses.
- Cross out a W when your baby has a wet diaper.
- Cross out a BM when your baby has a bowel movement.

Birth Date: _____ Time: _____ am/pm

DAY ONE (goal: 6-8 feedings)

12 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Wet Diaper W

Black, tarry soiled diaper BM

DAY TWO (goal: 6-8 feedings)

12 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Wet Diaper W W

Black/Brown soiled diaper BM BM

DAY THREE (goal: 8-12 feedings)

12 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Wet Diaper W W W

Brown/Green soiled diaper BM BM

DAY FOUR (goal: 8-12 feedings)

12 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Wet Diaper W W W W

Brown/Yellow soiled diaper BM BM BM

DAY FIVE (goal: 8-12 feedings)

12 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Wet Diaper W W W W W

YELLOW soiled diaper BM BM BM

DAY SIX (goal: 8-12 feedings)

12 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Wet Diaper W W W W W W

YELLOW soiled diaper BM BM BM BM

DAY SEVEN (goal: 8-12 feedings)

12 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Wet Diaper W W W W W W

YELLOW soiled diaper BM BM BM BM

It is OK for your baby to have more output than suggested above. Call your lactation consultant, volunteer breastfeeding counselor, or pediatrician if your baby has fewer diapers than the log suggests.

Breastfeeding Checklist

If you answer “yes” to each of these questions when your baby is one week old, then you know that breastfeeding is going well. If you answer “no” to any of these questions, call your baby’s doctor, the Breastfeeding Resource Center (215-886-2433), or the BRC Community Helpline (215-572-8044).

Getting help early is best for an enjoyable breastfeeding experience.

- ✓ Did your breast get full between days 3 and 5 postpartum?
- ✓ Do you hear your baby swallowing at the breast?
- ✓ Does your baby have at least 5-6 wet diapers and at least 3-4 yellow, seedy stools each day?
- ✓ Are your breasts and nipples feeling comfortable?
- ✓ Is your baby’s hunger satisfied after feedings?
- ✓ Are you enjoying breastfeeding?

Please note:

It is very common for babies to experience a “feeding frenzy” just before the milk supply increases. This is typical newborn behavior at about two to three days old. Continue to offer the breast as often as the baby needs. Your baby knows that the more he nurses, the more milk he will make!

BREASTFEEDING LOG FOR BABY’S FIRST WEEK OF LIFE



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