

WELL BABY CARE



Timing of Well Baby Visits

- Within 1 week
- 4 months 6 months
- 15 months*

- 2 weeks *
- 18 months

- 1 month
- 9 months*
- 2-3 years

- 2 months
- 12-13 months
- 4-5 years
- *optional

HISTORY	
First Visit	Serial Visits
 Pregnancy Birth Risk Factors FMHx (including siblings) SoHx **In addition to questions listed under serial visits ** 	 Caregiver concerns Nutrition Bowel & Bladder Developmental inquiry Sleep Immunizations Safety

PHYSICAL EXAM

- **VITALS**
- **GROWTH:** plotted on growth charts, monitor for crossing of percentiles, failure to thrive, obesity
- **GENERAL:** alertness, activity, dysmorphic features
- **HEENT**: fontanelles, eyes (red reflex, corneal light reflex), neck/torticollis, plagiocephaly
- CVS: heart sounds, murmurs, perfusion, femoral pulses
- **RESP**: breath sounds, work of breathing
- **ABDO**: softness, distention, HSM, masses
- GI/GU: external genitalia, testes, patent anus
- MSK: hips, spine, joint ROM
- **NEURO**: muscle tone. reflexes
- **DERM:** skin (jaundice, rashes, bruising, birthmarks)

Age-specific physical exam at each visit.

NUTRITION

Breastfeeding

- Frequency
- Recommended until 6mo
- Supply & feeding challenges

Formula

- How much, how often
- Calculate TFI

Solids

- Introduce from 4-6mo
- Don't delay introducing allergenic foods (eggs, fish, peanut butter)
- No honey or cow's milk until 1 year of age

Vitamin D

400-800 units daily

Iron

Supplement in premature babies until 1y due to inadequate stores

EDUCATION & ADVICE

Injury Prevention

- Car seats
- Safe sleep and SIDS education
- Falls
- Toxic ingestions
- Firearm safety
- Childproofing the home

Behavior & Family Issues

- Poverty & food insecurity
- Physical activity, sedentary time, screen time
- Reading
- Child-care
- Discipline & parenting sills

Environmental

- Water safety
- Bug spray & sunscreen (>6mo)
- Smoke & CO detectors
- 2nd hand smoke



DEVELOPMENT

Screen for skills in the following domains (milestones vary from child to child):

- Gross Motor
- Fine Motor
- Speech & Language



- Cognitive
- Social/ Emotional

RED FLAGS: failing to meet milestones (requires further assessment), regression

INVESTIGATIONS, **SCREENING & IMMUNIZATIONS**

Investigations/Screening

Universal

- Newborn screening
- Hearing screen

Based on Risk

- Anemia
- Transmission of bloodborne infections
- Risk factors for TB

Immunizations

According to local schedule

To find out more, visit the Rourke Baby Record Website