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## **Pediatrics Nursing For BSc in Generic pediatrics nursing**

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# Pediatric nursing course syllabus

- **Program:** BSc in Surgical Nursing(generic)
- **Module Name:** Clinical Nursing II
- **Module Code:** Nurs- M2113
- **Module ECTS:** 22
- **Module Duration:** 16 Weeks
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# Course description:

- This course is designed to enable pediatrics Nursing students to be familiar with child health care, manage and prevent common childhood illness, including infectious disease and nutritional disorders.

# Course Objectives:

- At the end of the course, the students will be able to assess to nutritional status of children, manage common childhood problems and provide care for the sick and healthy child.

# Contents

- Introduction to pediatric nursing
- Child growth and development
- Care of Newborn
- Management of common childhood disease
- Introduction to IMNCI
- Management of systemic child hood disorders
- Expanded program of immunization
- Management of handicapped children
- HIV associated TB in children
- Nutrition in HIV children
- Palliative care

# Teaching methods

- Interactive lecture
- Group discussion
- Case study
- Video show
- Reading Assignment

# Teaching aids

- Lecture note and books
- National Pediatrics HIV/AIDS guidelines
- IMNCI chart booklets
- Audio visual
- Hand out
- ***Assessments*** - Continuous assessment =50%
  - Final exam=50%

# Objectives

**At the end of this session the students will be able to:**

- ✓ Define pediatric nursing
- ✓ Describe the modern concepts of pediatric nursing care
- ✓ Explain the basics of pediatric health assessment
- ✓ Differentiate normal and abnormal V/S values
- ✓ Identify common pediatric nursing procedures



# Unit I: Introduction

- What is nursing?
- What is paediatrics nursing?
- Why paediatrics is given as a subject it self?

# Definition of nursing

ANA

- "responses to actual or potential health problems"

WHO

- Nursing encompasses autonomous and collaborative care of individuals of all ages, families, groups and communities, sick or well and in all settings.
- It includes the promotion of health, the prevention of illness, and the care of ill, disabled and dying people.

# Pediatrics

- Pediatric nursing - Paediatrics comes from the Greek words
- 'paedia' → child,
- 'iatrike' → treatment
- 'ics' → branch of science
- Pediatrics means the science of child care and scientific treatment of childhood disease.
- Pediatrics is synonymous with child health.

# Pediatrics nursing

- ❖ Pediatric nursing is specialty of nursing concerning the care of children during wellness and illness.
- ❖ It encompasses neonates, infants, toddlers, children, and their families to promote health throughout development and growth.
- ❖ It is the art and science of giving nursing care to children from birth through adolescent with emphasis on the physical growth, mental, emotional and psycho-social development

- ❖ Pediatric nursing covers routine immunizations and check-up appointments, as well as any illnesses or minor injuries that occur.
- ❖ It involves in giving assistance, care and support to the growing and developing to achieve their individual potential for functioning with **fullest capacity**.

# Goals of pediatrics nursing care

- To provide skillful, intelligent, need based & comprehensive care for children
- To interpret the basic needs of children to their parents and families to guide them in child care.
- To promote growth and development
- To prevent disease and alleviate suffering

# Quality of pediatrics nurses

- Love for children
- Patient
- Good interpersonal relationship
- Friendly and diligent
- Skill, scientific knowledge and experience.



# Principle of pediatrics nursing

- Family centered care
- Prevent or minimize child separation from family
- Prevent or minimize bodily injury and pain





## *Hospital environment for the sick child*

- ❖ Pediatric unit consists of the following facilities.
  - Few beds in a room
  - Sinks & latrine should be child & adult size.
  - Playroom and recreation facilities should be provided.
  - Children should be placed in the ward according to their age and their disease.

## *Hospital environment for the sick child*

- Small & critically ill children have placed very near to the nurse stations.
- Pediatric unit constructed easily seen of all children at the same time by nurse.
- It has consists of different bright Color painted walls.

# Why pediatrics ... ?

1. The health problems of children differ from those adults in many ways
2. Children's response to an illness is influenced by age
3. Managements of childhood illness are significantly different from an adult
4. Children need special care since they are among the most vulnerable groups

# Modern concepts of child care

- Previously the emphasis was on the care of the *ill child* as an individual
- Current emphasis:
  - ✓ Prevention of illnesses and accidents
  - ✓ Holistic nursing care
  - ✓ Interdisciplinary approach

# NURSING FUNCTIONS

- I. Promoting Health and Wellness ii Preventing Illness
  - engage in attitudes & behaviors that enhance the quality of life , eg HW, EXE, H.nutrition...
- Curative activities - Pain/suffering alleviation &
- Restoring Health – helping client during recovery periods

# Standards of Clinical Nursing Practice: ANA

- **Assessment:** the nurse **collects** patient health data.
- **Diagnosis:** the nurse **analyzes** the assessment data in determining diagnoses.
- **Planning:** the nurse develops **a plan of care** that prescribes interventions to attain expected outcomes.
- **Implementation:** the nurse **implements** the interventions identified in the plan of care.
- **Evaluation:** the nurse evaluates the **patients progress** toward attainment of outcomes.

# Overview of Pediatric Health Assessment

## Contents of Pediatric History

1. Personal details
2. C/C
3. HPI
4. Past medical History

# ...pediatric history

5. Family history
6. Immunization history
7. Nutritional history
8. Developmental history
9. Review of systems



# Case study for group work

- A 7 months child with fever
- Comes from rural area
- Lives in a single room
- Currently stops feeding per mouth

# Discussion questions

- Is this history complete?
- If you say no, suggest any point that you think important

## **N.B.**

- 5 students per group
- 5 minutes for discussion
- A total of 5 minutes for reflections.

# Pediatric Physical Examination

- The aim is the same as adults but the approach is different
- Both the techniques and interpretations vary according to the age of the patient
- **Be *opportunistic* in examining a child!**
- Gather much data from observation
- Order exam – from least distressing to most distressing
- Be honest – don't lie you lose credibility
- Understand the developmental stage eg. Stranger anxiety

## V/S: PR, BP, & RR (Normal values)

Age	Heart rate, Beats/min	BP, mmHg	Respiratory rate, breath/minute
Premature	120-170	55-75/35-45	40-70
0-3 months	100-150	65-85/45-55	35-55
3-6 months	90-120	70-90/50-65	30-45
6-12 months	80-120	80-100/55-65	25-40
1-3 years	70-110	90-105/55-70	20-30
3-6 years	65-110	95-110/60-75	20-25
6-12 years	60-95	100-120/60-75	14-22

# V/S: Temperature

- Normal body temperature: 36.5°C to 37.5°C (97.7-99.5°F)
- Hyperthermia: >37.5°C
- Hypothermia: <36.5°C
  - ✓ Mild hypothermia: 36-36.4°C
  - ✓ Moderate hypothermia: 32-35.9°C
  - ✓ Severe hypothermia: <32°C

# GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

# Objectives

- Define growth and development
- Principles of growth and development
- Mention types of growth and development
- Identify the stages of development based on age
- Growth monitoring

# Growth and Development

## *Growth*

- Growth refers to an increase in physical size of the whole body or any of its parts.
- It is simply a quantitative change in the child's body.
- It can be measured in Kg, pounds, meters, inches, ..... Etc

## *Development*

- Development refers to a progressive increase in skill and capacity of function.
- It is a qualitative change in the child's functioning.
- It can be measured through observation.



# Developmental Assessment

- Gross motor development
  - Gross muscular activity and neuro-development including posture, independent mobility and progress from head control to running
- Fine motor development (Manipulation)
  - The ability to reach for, grasp and manipulate objects
- Cognition and Social skill
  - Social smile, watching a mirror, waving goodbye, general alertness and curiosity about the surrounding
- Language

# STAGES OF GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

- I. PRENATAL
- II. INFANCY
- III. EARLY CHILDHOOD
- IV. MIDDLE CHILDHOOD
- V. LATE CHILDHOOD

# Growth Spurt

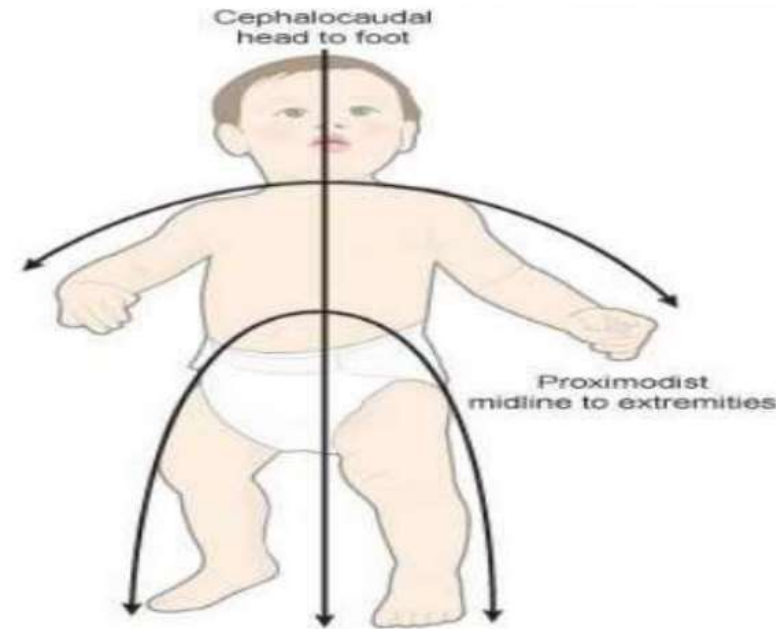
- ❖ Growth does not take place uniformly at all times
  - ❖ There seems to be periods when a sudden acceleration of it occurs
  - ❖ The timings of the growth spurts differ in boys and girls.
- Acceleration of growth (growth spurts):
- ❖ First year
  - ❖ Adolescence

# Developmental principles

- It is a **continuous** process
- Development is **sequential**(one skill can not be developed until the previous is achieved)
- Unique **individual rates of growth and development** but the sequence is same
- Depends on **maturation and learning**

# Developmental Principles

- Development proceeds **cephalo-caudal** and **proximal** fashion



# Developmental Principles

- Proceeds from **general to specific**
- Proceeds from **simple to more complex**



# Factors affecting growth and development

## 1. Hereditary/Genetic factors

- The maximum possible growth and development potential is genetically determined

## 2. Environmental factors

- For full realization of genetic potential, a favourable environment is of paramount importance

# Factors affecting growth and development

## 1. Intrauterine or prenatal factors

- Maternal nutrition
- Infections and Other illnesses during pregnancy
- Drugs & Radiation

## 2. Birth and natal factors

- Brain injury (physical or anoxia), for example

## 3. Postnatal factors

- a. Adequate nutrition
- b. Education and learning opportunity
- c. Social and psychological or emotional factors



# *DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES*



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# 0-2 months

## 1. Physical growth

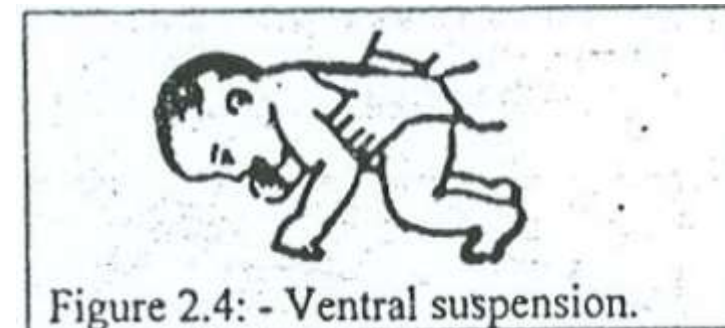
- Average birth weight = 3.4kg
- Average length = 50cm , (46-54cm)
- Average head circumference= 35cm(32-37cm)
- Weight may initially decrease 10% below birth weight in the 1st wk
- Wt gain during 1st month is 30gm/d
- This is the period of fastest postnatal growth

# 0-2 months

## 2. Neurodevelopment

### Gross motor

- When held in **sitting** position- back bends
- **Prone** - momentarily holds chin off couch
- **Pull to sit**- almost complete head lag
- **Ventral suspension**- head and hip are flexed & limb hangs downward



# 0-2 months

## 3. Language & social

- Hearing is well developed & prefers **high pitched** sound
- Near sighted with focal length of **20 - 30cm**
- Spontaneous smile

# Infancy

## 1. Physical growth

- Weight - Birth weight doubles by 5<sup>th</sup> mn and triples by 11-12mn
- Length - 75 cm at 12mn
- Head circumference = increase by 12cm in 1<sup>st</sup> yr
  - increase by 2cm/mn in 1<sup>st</sup> 3mn
  - increase by 1cm/mn 3-6mn
  - increase by 0.5cm/mn 6-12mn

## 2. Dentition - starts at age 5-6mn

- then erupts 4 teeth every 4 month till 20 milk teeth

# Infancy

## 3. Motor development

### Gross motor

- At 2 months
  - *Hold head erects* in mid-position
- At 3 months
  - Prone- *lift head & chest off the table*
  - Hold object put in hand
- 4 months
  - *Sit with adequate support*
  - *Roll over* from front to back
  - Hold head erect and steady while in sitting position
  - Bring hands together in midline and *plays with fingers*
  - *Grasp* objects with both hands

# Infancy

- 5 months
  - *Sit with slight support*
  - Pull feet up to mouth when supine
  - Hold one object while looking at another
- At 6 months
  - *Sit alone briefly*
  - Turn completely over(abdomen to abdomen)
  - *Lift chest and upper abdomen* when prone

# Infancy

- 7-8 months

- Imitate simple acts of others
- *Drink* from cup with assistance
- *Eat finger food* that can be held in one hand

- 9 months

- *Crawl* (i.e., pull body while in prone position)
- Hold one bottle with *good hand-mouth coordination*

- 10 months

- *Creep well* (use hands and legs)
- *Walk but with help*



# Infancy

- 11 months
    - *Walk holding on furniture*
  - 12 months
    - *Sit down* from standing position alone
    - *Walk in few steps with help or alone*
- Fine motor
- **0-4mn** –move arms, bring hands to mouth
  - **4-8 mn** –roll over to explore & get object,
    - transfers object from one hand to the other
  - **8-12 mn** –grasp and put objects in mouth
    - Drop & pick up toys
    - Wave/bye

# Infancy

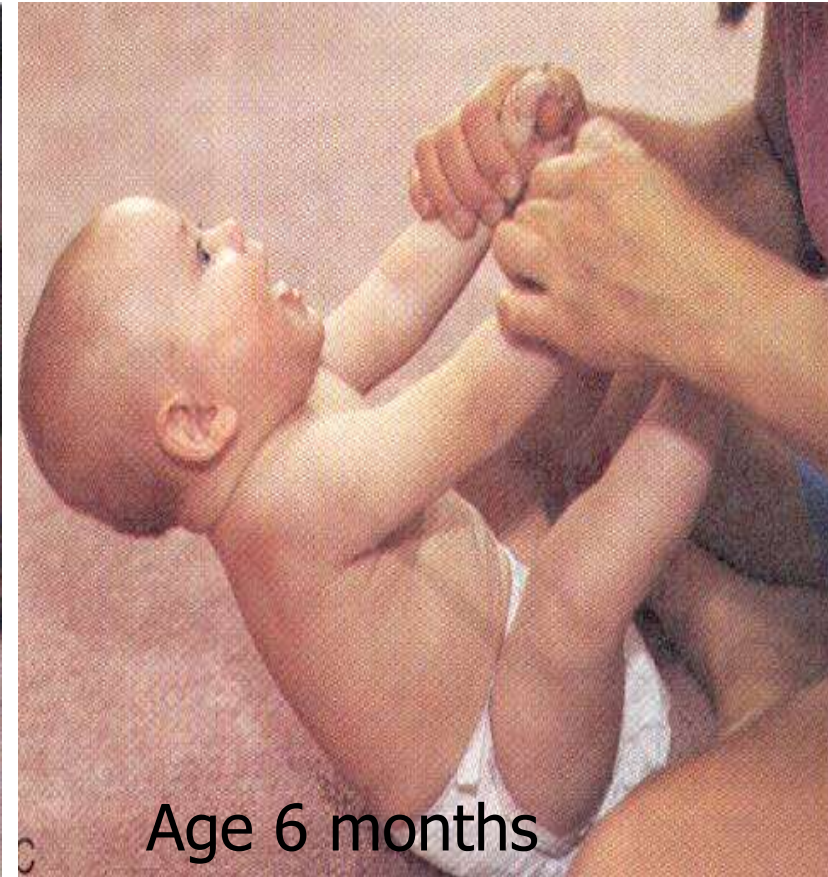
## 4. Language

- 0-3 mn: **crying**, make soft exaggerated vowel sounds
- 3-4mn- start to make consonant sounds.
- 4-5mn- begin to put vowel and consonant sounds together
- 8-9 months: mama/dada **as sounds**
- 10-12 months: “**mama/dada specific**”

## 5. Social development

- Learns that **crying brings attention**
- **Smiles** in response to smile of others
- **7mn** shows fear of stranger (**stranger anxiety**).
- **Responds** socially to his name

# Head Control

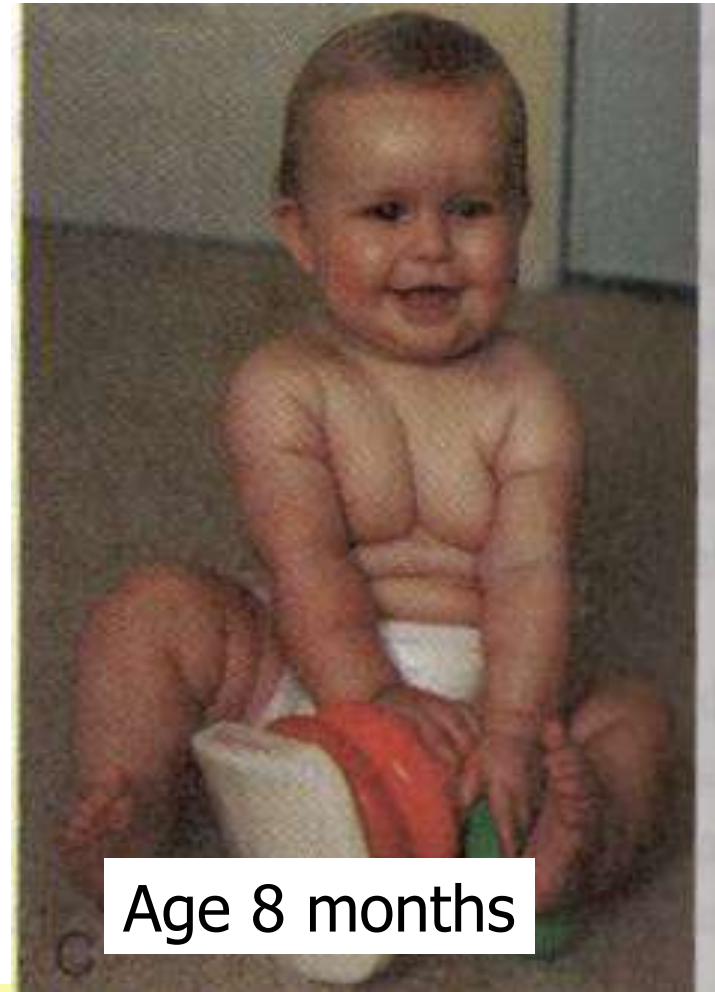




# Sitting Up



Age 2 months



Age 8 months

# Ambulation



Nine to 12-months



13 month old



# Fine Motor Development in infancy



6-month-old



12-month-old

# Growth Monitoring



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# Growth monitoring

- ❑ Growth monitoring is regular check up the growth of the baby

What is the importance of growth monitoring

- ❖ It tells the *nutritional status* of children in a given community
- ❖ If it is done right time malnutrition can be *identified before* it affects the brain.

Methods

- A. Anthropometry- practical use
- B. Tissue growth assessment (SFT)
- C. Dental Development
- D. Skeletal assessment



## *What needs to be monitored at community level*

### ❑ First 2 years

- ✓ Length/age
- ✓ Weight/age
- ✓ Weight /height
- ✓ Head circumference/age

### ❑ 2 –10 years

- ❖ Height/age
- ❖ Weight/age
- ❖ BMI/age

### ❑ >10 years

- Above in relation to pubertal development

# Steps of Growth Monitoring

## **Step 1: Obtaining accurate measurements**

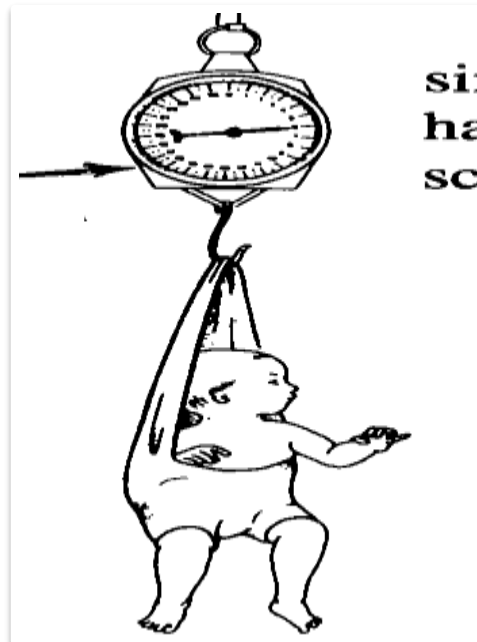
- ❑ Begins with measuring and charting weight, length and head circumference

## **Step 2: Using Growth Charts**

## **Step 3: Interpreting the Finding**

# 1. Weight

- ❑ To enhance accuracy of measurements:
  - ✓ Use same scale at each visit
  - ✓ Scale should be zeroed daily and calibrated weekly
  - ✓ Infant scales should be used for children < 20kg



Simple hanging scale

## Weighing Infants

- ❖ Remove all clothing
- ❖ But you can weigh infant wearing a dry diaper
- ❖ Weigh infants supine



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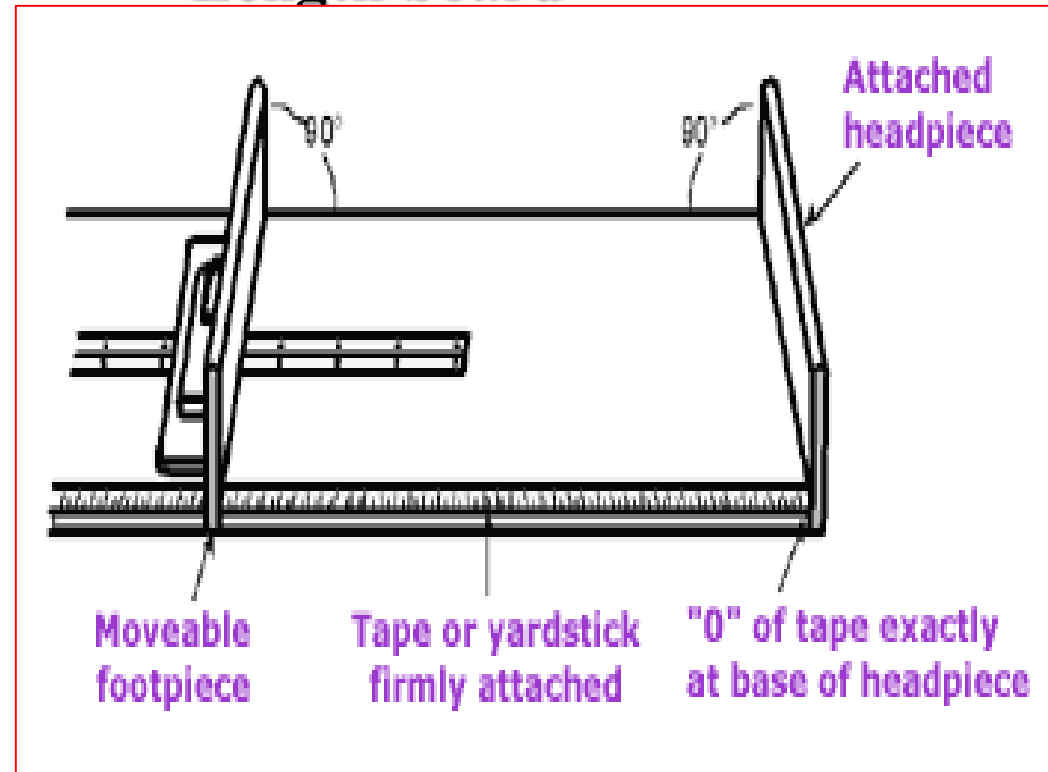
**Weighing Older Children**

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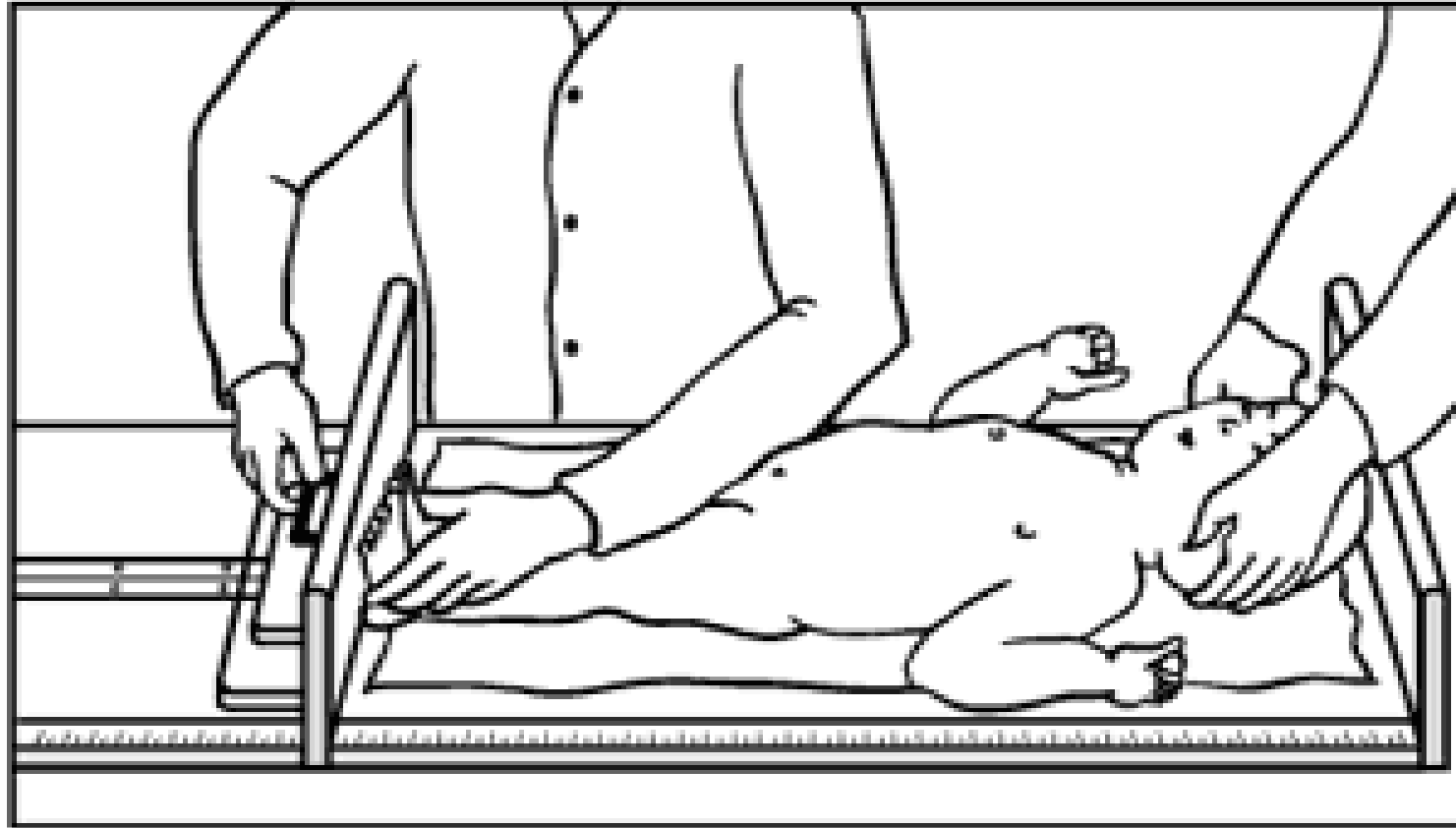
## 2. Length /Height

- ❑ >2 years : (standing) height
- ❑ <2 years: (recumbent) length
  - ❖ Measure length of children 0-2 years supine
  - ❖ Straighten knees and keep ankles in neutral
  - ❖ Record measurement to the nearest 0.5cm

### • Length board



## How to measure length ...cont'd



### 3. Head circumference

- ❑ Measured using non stretchable tape.
- ❑ The tape should pass on the supra orbital ridges and on the *occipital prominence*

Age	Birth	3m	6m	1yr	2yr	3yr	4yr	5yr
OFC	34	40	43	46	48	49	50	51(cm)



## 4. Head - chest circumference Ratio

- ❖ CC is measured at the level just below the nipples.
- ❖ At birth head circumference is larger than chest circumference by about 2.5cm
- ❖ At 9 to 12 months, both are equal.
- ❖ At 1<sup>st</sup> year, chest circumference tends to be larger by 2.5cm.
- ❖ At the age of 5years, it is more 5cm greater in size than the head circumference.



## 5. Mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC)

- ❖ Use full way to assess a child **present nutritional status**
- ❖ It also used to rapidly screening of all children in the community to **sever malnutrition**
- ❖ Measures mainly the lean body mass
- ❖ The candidates are from one year to five years old.
- ❖ MUAC below 11.5cm is an indicator of severe malnutrition in children 6-59 months of ages

# MUAC...cont'd

## RANGES

- Greater than 13.5 cm (**green**)--- Normal
  - 12.5-13.5 cm (**yellow**)--- mild malnutrition
  - 11.5 -12.5 cm (**Orange**)---moderate malnutrition
  - less than 11.5 cm (**red**) ---Sever malnutrition
- ➔ Using shakers tape with color indicators



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## 6. Body mass index (BMI)

$$\text{BMI} = \frac{\text{Weight (kg)}}{\text{Height (m)}^2}$$

- ☐ Detects whether the weight of the individual is proportional to the height or not.
- ☐ BMI remains constant up to the age of 5 years
- ☐ For adults and adolescents

# BMI...cont'd

## RANGES

BMI :

- Greater than 30 obese
- 26-30 --over weight
- 18.5-25--normal weight
- 17-18.4 --mild PEM
- 16-16.9 --moderate PEM
- Less than 15-- severe PEM

## Step 2: Growth Charts



# Growth Monitoring...cont'd

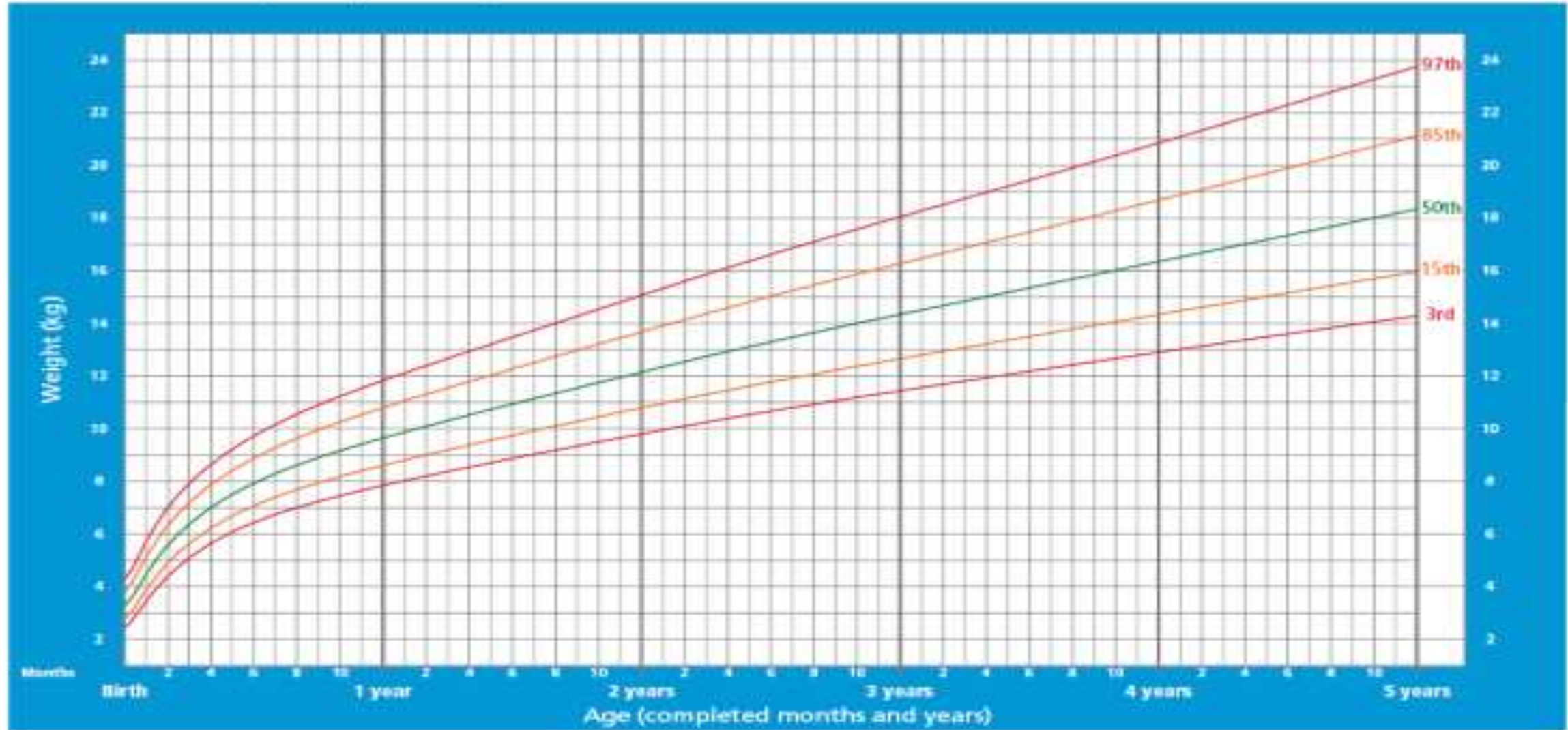
## Growth chart

- ❑ Is a very important record, used to indicate the child illness and progress and has notes about **nutrition**.
- ❑ Growth chart offers a **simple and inexpensive** way of monitoring
- ❑ *Height and weight* should be plotted for all children, *head circumference* should be monitored for all children under 2 years of age.
- ❖ Any deviation from “normal” detected by comparison with **reference curves**.



# Weight-for-age BOYS

Birth to 5 years (percentiles)



WHO Child Growth Standards

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## Why Use Growth Curves? / Important of growth chart

- ❖ Easy and systematic way to follow changes in growth over time for an individual child
- ❖ Tells direction of growth
- ❖ Reveal significant change in growth pattern
- ❖ Help early detection of growth failure

**NB.** Height, weight and head circumference should be plotted at regular intervals

- Monthly till 6 months of age
- Quarterly till 18 months of age



## *Step3- Interpretation growth chart*

❖ Anthropometric indices including:

☐ Weight –for-age –under wt (acute and chronic)

☐ Weight-for-height/L-wasting (acute)

☐ Height- for-age -stunting(chronic)

☐ BMI -wasting (acute)

☐ MUAC -wasting (acute)

# *Interpretation of the finding on growth chart...cont'd*

## **Growth faltering**

- ☐ Is *slower rate of growth* in childhood than the expected for age.
- ☐ If child weight is *not increasing or increase more slowly* than standard curve for more than **one month** in a baby less than 4 or **2 months** in older children, then the child has *growth faltering*
- ☐ Common in the *first 2 years of life* & may be the first sign of *inadequate feeding*
- ☐ The child may be *less active* than other of the same age
- ☐ Sometimes growth faltering is *due to illness* and when a child is ill weight may be decrease

## *Interpretation of the finding on growth chart...cont'd*

### **Loss of weight**

❖ If the child growth falling, the child may be ill with an **infection**,

Ex. Tuberculosis or AIDS

❑ **Acute malnutrition** is the most likely cause for weight loss

❑ If there is no other complication, the child can manage in the community but if the child has any serious illness or danger sign he/ she has to be referred

❑ **Close follow up** is needed to ensure that the weight gain is achieved within two weeks

## Interpretation of the finding on growth chart...cont'd

### Rapid rise in the growth curve

- ❖ If a child has been ill or undernourished, a rapid raise is expected during the *re-feeding period*, that is experienced as *catch-up growth*
- ❖ A sharp increase may indicate *inappropriate feeding* practice that can lead to *overweight*
- ❖ If a child has gained weight rapidly, it also important to *look height*
- ❖ If only the **weight is increase**, this is a problem
- ❖ but if height is increase proportionally, it can be *catch up growth* from previous under nutrition and in this situation *both the weight-for-age & height-for-age curve should be raised*

# Intervention after growth monitoring

- ♣ Health education about nutrition
- ♣ Demonstration of mothers about nutrition
- ♣ Manage and treat health problem of child
- ♣ Refer all cases of sever malnutrition

Interpretation	child is growing well	Not gaining wt Find out why?	Losing wt Need care
Intervention	Compliment the mother	Instruct the mother Support her	Care full counseling Refer & admit

# FEEDING RECOMMENDATIONS DURING SICKNESS AND HEALTH

## Up to 6 Months of Age



- Breastfeed as often as the child wants, day and night, at least 8 times in 24 hours.
- Do not give other foods or fluids.

## 6 Months up to 12 Months



- Breastfeed as often as the child wants.
- Give adequate servings of:
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 times per day if breastfed plus snacks
- 5 times per day if not breastfed.

## 12 Months up to 2 Years



- Breastfeed as often as the child wants.
- Give adequate servings of:
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_

or family foods 3 or 4 times per day plus snacks.



## 2 Years and Older



- Give family foods at 3 meals each day. Also, twice daily, give nutritious food between meals, such as:
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_



# What age is each infant?



A- sits without support



B- just started walking



C- crawling



D- can lift chest off the table

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# Reading Assignment

- Read and take short note about common pediatric nursing procedures by considering the following points when appropriate.
- ✓ Indications, Contraindications, Steps with its rationale, Differences from the adult

***Thank you so much!***



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## New Born Care



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# Learning objectives

- **At the end of this unit, student will be able to:**
  - Define newborn
  - Discuss immediate care of newborn
  - Describe steps of neonatal resuscitation
  - Explain types of neonatal reflexes
  - Discuss management of babies with low birth weight
  - Discuss management of common neonatal disorders
  - Describe organization of neonatal unit

# Definition

❑ In medical contexts, newborn or **neonate** (from Latin, neonatus, newborn) refers to an infant in the first 28 days after birth.

## ❑ Classification

### 1) Gestational age

- A. Preterm – born before 37 complete weeks
- B. Term baby – 37 -42 weeks
- C. Post term – After 42 weeks

### 2 ) Birth weight

- A. Extremely low birth weight infant (less than 1 kg )
- B. VLBW <1.5kg
- C. Low birth wt < 2.5 k.g ( pre term or small for gestational age )

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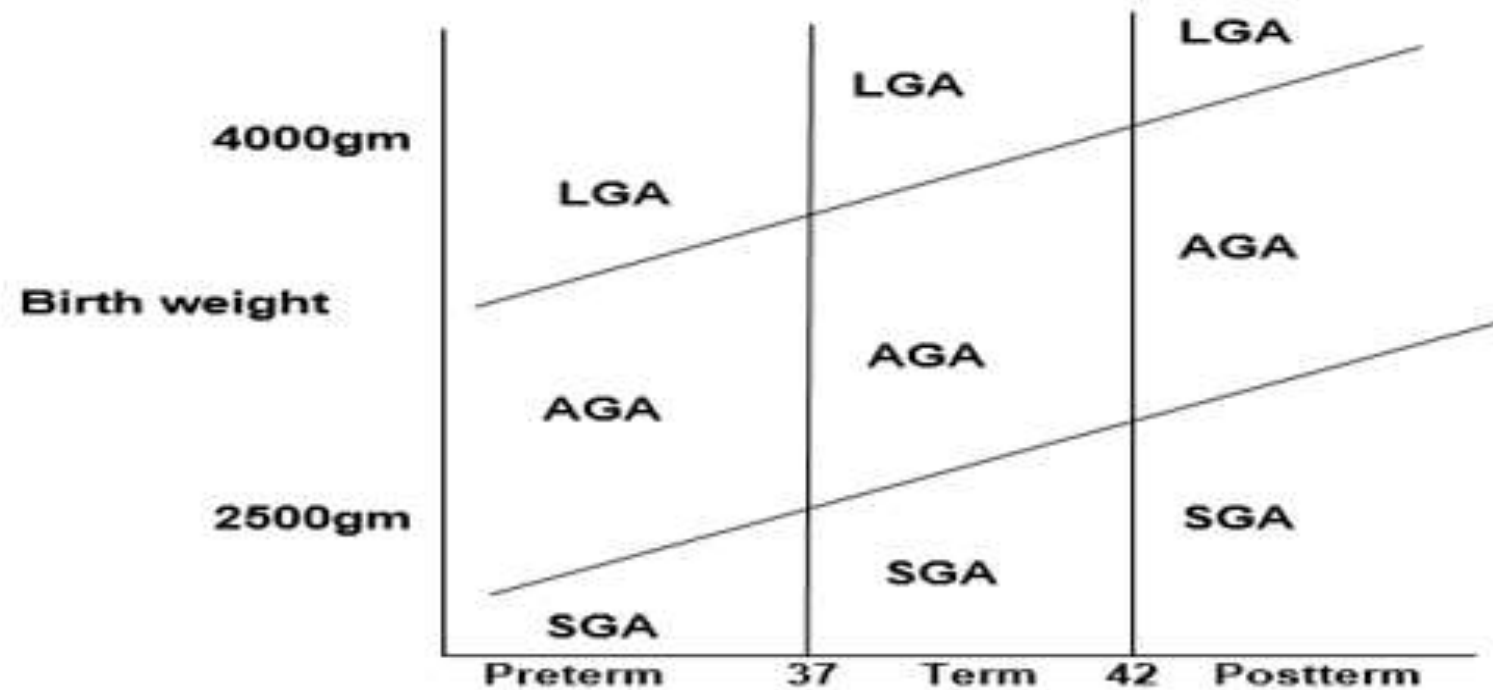
# Classification of new born

## 3) Weight Percentiles

A. SGA

B. AGA

C. LGA



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# Assessment of new born

❑ Most neonate problem identified and managed based on:

- ✓ Accurate history
- ✓ Physical examination

## 1. Accurate history

➤ From the history, investigate about

- ✓ Prenatal hx – ANC follow up, illness & infection, exposure to smoking & alcohol
- ✓ Delivery hx – mode of delivery, duration of labor, home/hospital
- ✓ Postnatal hx - Apgar score and any resuscitation needed, BF, Urine and meconium passed, Any clinical problems, e.g. hypothermia, respiratory distress, hypoglycaemia.

## 2. Physical assessment

- ❑ Done in a warm, well lighted area and maintain body tempe.
- ❑ Assessment can performed systematically ( from the head- to toe )

**1) Measurements:**

**2) General inspection:**

**3) Regional examination:**



Measurements	Normal	Abnormal
Birth weight	2500 g to 4000 g. Between 10th and 90th centile for gestational age.	Low birth weight (below 2500 g). Underweight (below 10th centile) or overweight (above 90th centile) for gestational age.
Head circumference	Between 10th and 90th centile for gestational age.	Small head (below 10th centile) or large head (above 90th centile for gestational age).
Gestational age	Physical and neurological features of term infants (37–42 weeks).	Immature features in preterm infant (below 37 weeks). Postterm infants (42 weeks and above) have long nails.

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## 2. Physical assessment

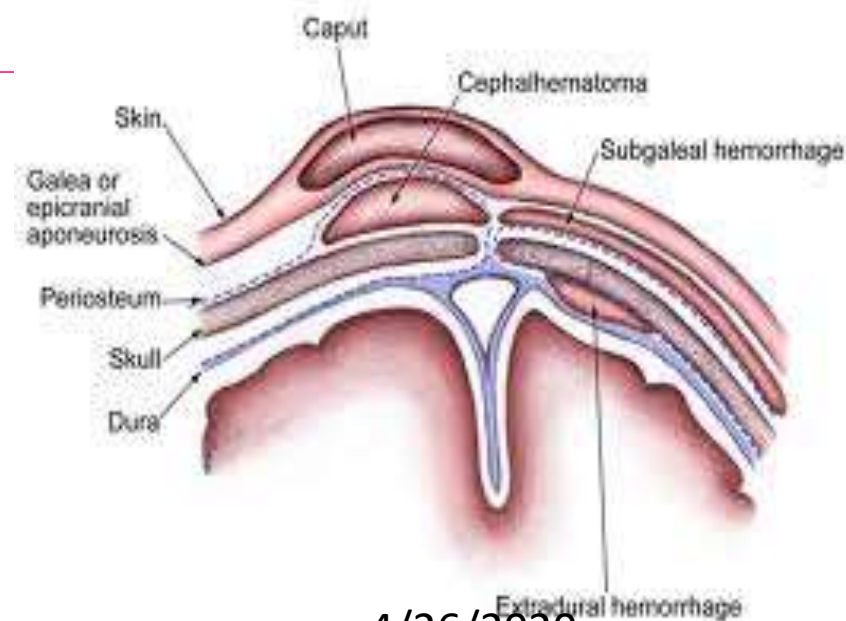
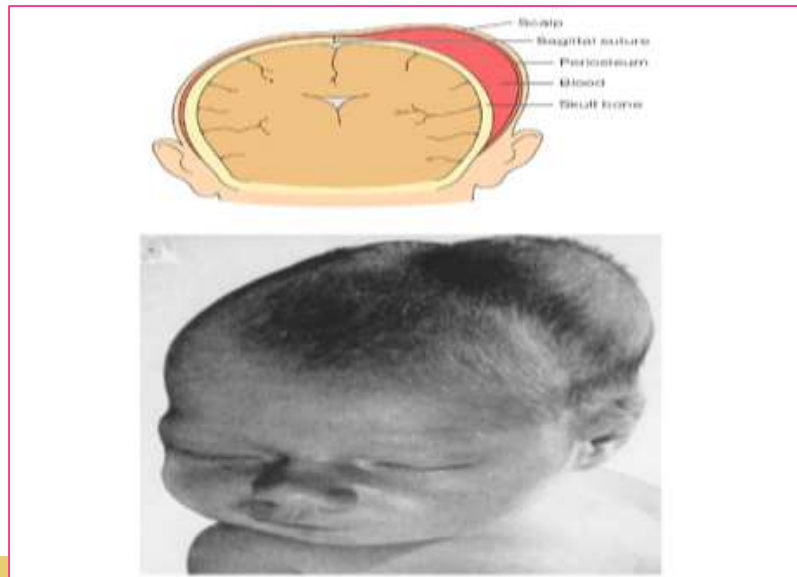
**A. Temperature :** temper. Will drop with in 10 min. as a result of exposure to cold ( room air) and stabilizes 8-12 hrs

### **B. Skin characteristics:**

- ❖ Pink color
- ❖ Yellowish
- ❖ **Acrocyanosis** may appear for 2-6 hrs due to poor peripheral circulation
- ❖ **Forceps mark,**
- ❖ **Vernix caseosa**
- ❖ **Lanugo:** Slight, downy distribution of fine hair over the body

# Head :

- ❖ Moulding- w/h diminished a few days after birth
- ❖ Anterior fontanel and posterior fontanel:
- ❖ **Cephalohematoma** is *collection of blood due to rupture of blood vessels* in cranial bone can be bilateral or unilateral
- ❖ **Caput succedaneum** is *edema or swelling* on infants scalp



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## Physical assessment...cont'd

**Face** : normally symmetrical



**Eye** : the eye should be checked for size, pupil size, reaction to light, blink reflex to light or edema of eye lid,

**Neck**: for fracture of clavicles and injury to sternocleidomastoid muscle

## Lungs

Chest shape	Symmetrical.	Hyperinflated or small chest.
Chest movement	Symmetrical.	Asymmetrical in pneumothorax and diaphragmatic hernia.
Recession	Mild recession in preterm infant.	Severe recession in respiratory distress.
Grunting		Expiratory grunt in respiratory distress.
Stridor		Inspiratory stridor a sign of upper airway obstruction

## *Heart*

Pulses	Brachial and femoral pulses easily palpable. 120–160 beats per minute.	Pulses weak, collapsing, absent, fast or slow or irregular.
Capillary filling time	Less than 4 seconds over chest and peripheries.	Prolonged filling time if infant cold or shocked.
Blood pressure	Systolic 50 to 70 mm at term.	Hypertensive or hypotensive.
Precordium	Mild pulsation felt over heart and epigastrium.	Hyperactive precordium.
Apex beat	Heard maximally to left of sternum.	Heard best in right chest in dextrocardia.



**Abdomen** : should be cylindrical, protrude slightly and move with respiration. A scaphoid (hallow-shaped) appearance is abnormal.

### **Genitals:**

- ❖ In female during the first wk may have vaginal discharge composed whitish mucus and changed with tinged with blood
- ❖ Look for any congenital anomalies/malformation. Eg. Hypospadias

### **Extremities :**

- ❖ Arm and hand will exam for presence of
  - **Polydactyly** - Extra digits
  - **Syndactyly** - Fusion (webbing) of fingers and
  - Damage of the upper arm due to damage of 5 and 6 cervical nerve (brachial plexus)
- Leg and foot is checked for evidence of turning of foot to in ward



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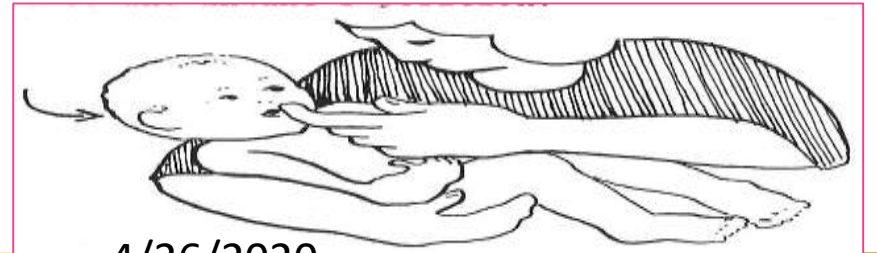
# Neonatal reflexes

## 1. Sucking

- ✓ begins when a nipple or finger is placed in the mouth of a newborn.
- ✓ Elicited by the examiner stroking the lips of the infant; the infant's mouth opens and the examiner introduces their gloved finger and sucking starts.
- ✓ Persist through out infancy

## 2. Rooting

- ❖ Elicited by the examiner stroking the cheek or corner of the infant's mouth.
- ❖ The infant's head turns toward the stimulus and opens its mouth
- ❖ Disappear by 3-4mo but may persist upto 12 mo



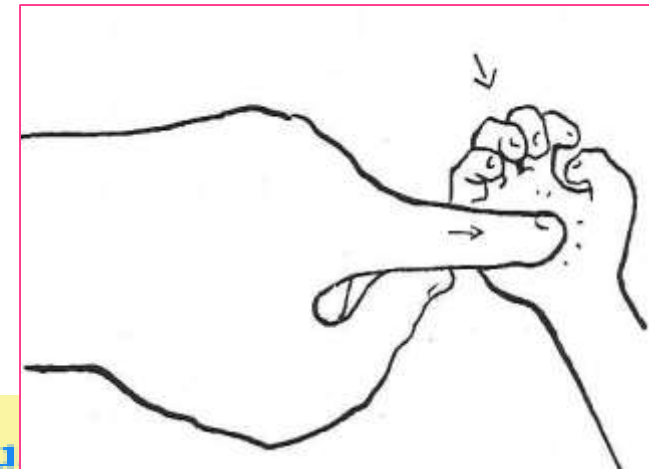
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### 3. Palmar grasp

- ❖ Elicited by the examiner placing his finger on the palmar surface of the infant's hand and the infant's hand grasps the finger.
- ❖ Attempts to remove the finger result in the infant tightening the grasp.
- ❖ Lessen after 3mo

### 4. Tonic neck

- ❖ Elicited by rotating the infants head from midline to one side.
- ❖ The infant should respond by extending the arm on the side to which the head is turned and flexing the opposite arm.
- ❖ The lower extremities respond similarly.



## 5. Moro

- ❖ The examiner holds the infant so that **one hand supports the head** and the **other supports the buttocks**.
- ❖ The reflex is elicited by the **sudden dropping of the head in her hand**
- ❖ The response is a series of movements: the **infant's hands open** and there is **extension and abduction** of the upper extremities.
- ❖ This is followed by anterior flexion of the upper extremities and **audible cry**.



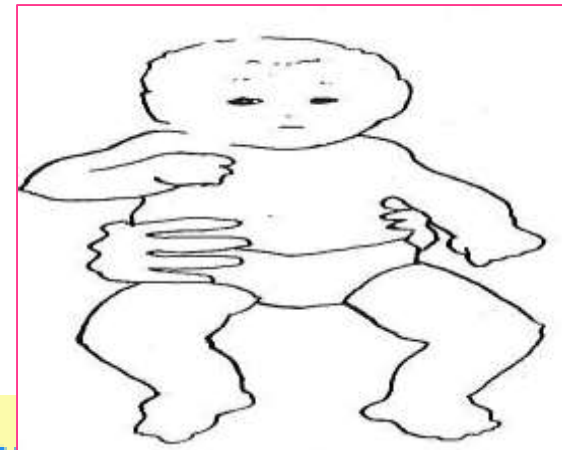
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## 6. Stepping

- ❖ Elicited by touching the top of the infant's foot to the edge of a table while the infant is held upright.
- ❖ The infant makes movements that resemble stepping.

## 7. Galant

- ✓ The infant is held in ventral suspension with the chest in the palm of the examiner's hand.
- ❖ Firm pressure is applied to the infant's side parallel to the spine in the thoracic area.
- ❖ The response consists of flexion of the pelvis toward the side of the stimulus.



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## 8. Babinski

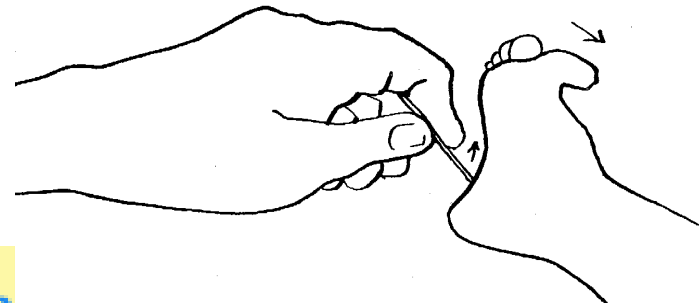
- ❖ Elicited by stimulus applied to the **outer edge of the sole** of the foot.
- ❖ The infant responds by **plantar flexion** and **either flexion or extension of the toes**.

## 9. Plantar grasp

- ✓ **Infant's toes will curl downward** when sole of foot is touched.
- ✓ **lessen by 8 mo**

## 10. Startle

- ❖ a loud noise such as a hand clap will elicit the newborn to **abduct his arms** and **flex his elbows**.



# Significance

- ❖ They are often protective and disappear as higher level motor functions emerge.
- ❖ They can provide information about the nervous system and **muscle tone**.
- ❖ Eg. An absent or inadequate Moro response on one side : **hemiplegia, brachial plexus palsy, or a fractured clavicle**
- ❖ reflex that is *still present* after the age when it would normally disappear can be a *sign brain or nervous system damage*
- ❖ Persistence beyond 5 months of age is : indicate severe **neurological defects**.

# Danger signs

- Not feeding well
- Less active than before
- Fast breathing
- Moderate or severe chest in-drawing
- Grunting
- Convulsions
- Temperature  $>37.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  or  $<35.5^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Umbilicus draining pus or
- Umbilical redness extending to skin
- Bleeding from umbilical stump

## ***Immediate care of new born baby***

1. Deliver baby on to mothers abdomen
2. Dry the baby with clean towel, keep in warm room & a way from draft
3. Quick check of newborn's breathing and color while drying(to assess the need of resuscitation, APGAR scoring )
4. Offer care of cord
5. Place the baby in skin to skin contact
6. Eye care
7. Provide Vit. K
8. Weight baby and classifying based on BWt and GA



# Assigning Apgar score

- ❖ Is a commonly-used method to assess the newborn status
- ❖ Mainly related to the **Oxygenation status** of newborn after birth
- ❖ Therefore help to identify infants requiring resuscitation for **hypoxic-acidosis (Asphyxia)**
- ❖ APGAR
  - › A - Appearance
  - › P - Pulse rate
  - › G- Grimace
  - › A - Activity
  - › R – Respiration



# Assigning Apgar score...cont'd

## ❑ Why APGAR score /Purposes?

- Evaluate the conditions of the baby at birth
- Determine the need for resuscitation
- Evaluate the effectiveness of resuscitative efforts
- Identify neonates at risk for morbidity and mortality

❑ Is usually assigned at 1 and 5-min

❑ The 1- minute score signals, the need for immediate resuscitation

❑ The 5-minute score indicates the probability of successfully resuscitating the newborn

❑ Scores of 0-3 at 20 min predicate high mortality and morbidity

# APGAR score

**TABLE 33-1 The APGAR Score**

Sign	0	1	2	Score	
				1 min	5 min
<b>Appearance</b> (Skin color)	Blue, pale	Body pink, extremities blue	Completely pink		
<b>Pulse Rate</b> (Heart Rate)	Absent	Below 100	Above 100		
<b>Grimace</b> (Irritability)	No response	Grimaces	Cries		
<b>Activity</b> (Muscle Tone)	Limp	Some flexion of extremities	Active motion		
<b>Respiratory</b> (Effort)	Absent	Slow and irregular	Strong cry		
			<b>TOTAL SCORE =</b>		

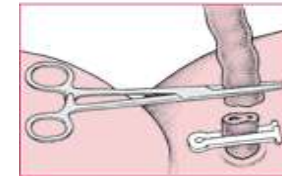
## What to do if the Apgar score is:

- ❖ **Apgar 7-10** (Normal )
  - Dry the baby and keep warm
  - Using suction is not necessary if the baby cries vigorously
- ❖ **Apgar 4-6** (Moderate Asphyxia )
  - Most of these babies are breathing
  - If so and have  $HR < 100/\text{minute}$ , quick and gentle clearing of the airway
  - If no improvement, the  $HR < 100/\text{minute}$
  - Move immediately to vigorous Rx (see Apgar 0-3)
- ❖ **Apgar 0-3** (Sever Asphyxia)
  - Proceed in the following order quickly and as carefully as possible:
    - ❖ Note the time
    - ❖ Dry and cover the baby
    - ❖ Resuscitate



### 3. Cord care/Avoidance of infection

- ☐ Cut cord
- ☐ Observe for oozing blood.
- ☐ Do not apply any substance to the stump
- ☐ Do not bind or bandage the stump
- ☐ Leave the stump uncovered



Cord Is Cut



Cord Is Clamped

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## 5. Eye care

- ❑ Wipe the eyes and instill eye prophylaxis
  - Given within 1 hour after birth
  - Prevent ophthalmia neonatorum and Chlamydia trachomatis conjunctivitis
    - Erythromycin ointment 0.5%
    - Tetracycline ointment 1%
    - Silver nitrate drops 1%
- ❑ Do not wash away the eye antimicrobial



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## 6. Provide Vit. K

❑ It prevents neonatal hemorrhage during first few days of life

➤ **Recommended route of administration: intramuscular**

❑ Dose:

❖ 1mg being given at birth.

❖ Preterm infants may receive 0.5mg.

➤ **Alternative Route: Oral**

Dose:

- 2mg orally at birth;
- Repeat dose at 3-5 days and at 4-6 weeks of age.
- Repeat dose if the infant vomits or regurgitates within 1 hour

## ➤ Immunization

- At birth: BCG , OPV and HBV vaccine.

## 7. Weight baby and classifying based on BWt and GA

❑ See the following summary



# **Resuscitation of the newborn baby**

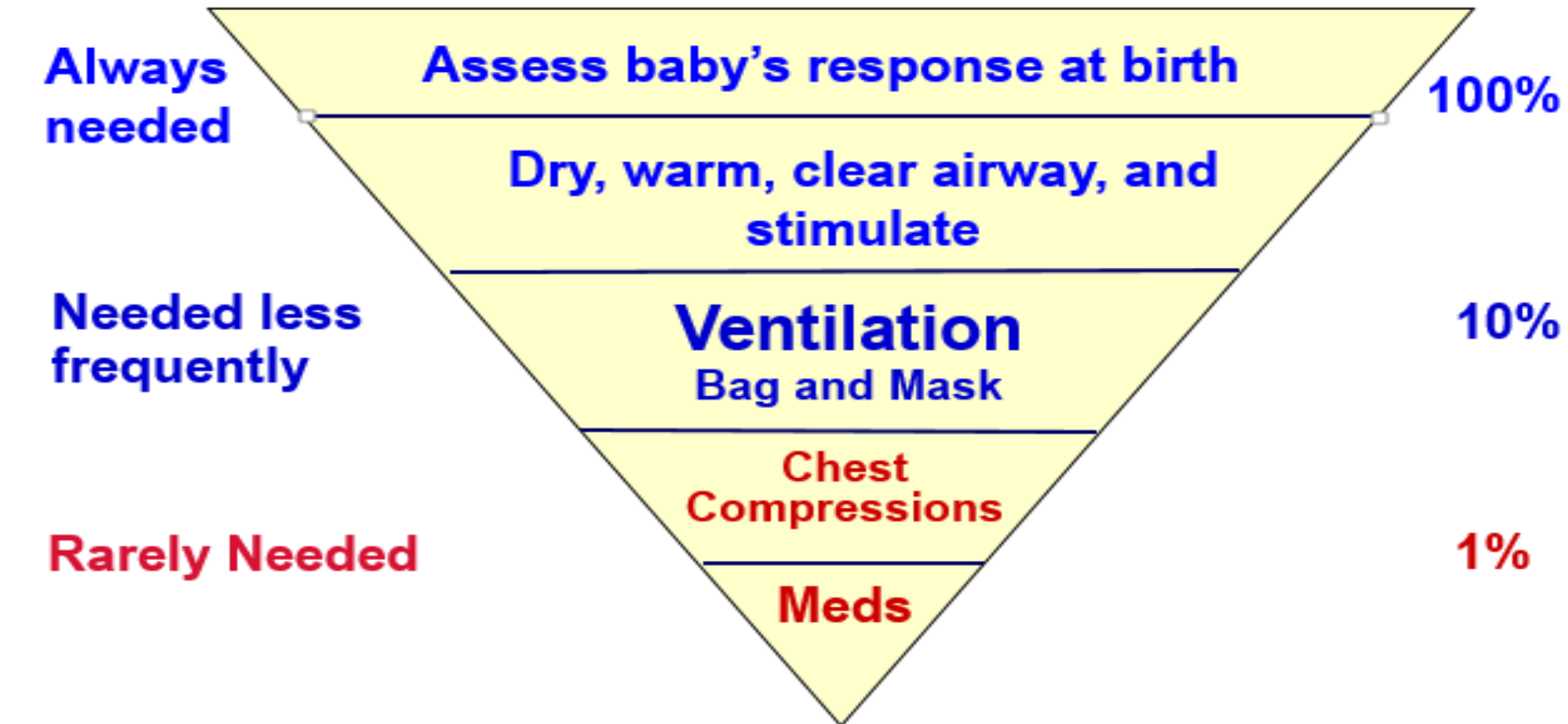
# Introduction

- Approximately 10% of in hospital delivered newborns require **resuscitation assistance** to breathe at birth.
- Less than 1% require **extensive resuscitation**.

***Goal of Resuscitation is to get a baby with:-***

- ☐ Sustained regular respirations,
- ☐ Heart rate above 100 beats per minute, and
- ☐ Pink color of the lips and central trunk

# Basic Steps in Resuscitation



# Normal Transition

- No meconium
- Breathing/crying
- Good muscle tone
- Term



# Abnormal Transition

- Gasping, ineffective or no breathing
- Poor muscle tone
- Central cyanosis (blue)
- **All need assisted ventilation!**



# Preparing for birth

## ☐ Wash your hands



- warm room - temperature  $\geq 25^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Clean, dry and warm delivery surface
- Radiant heater
- Two clean, warm towels/clothes
- Self inflating bag - newborn size
- Infant masks in two sizes - normal and small newborn
- Suction device
- Oxygen (if available)
- Clock

Check if all equipments are in working order





# Clear the mouth and nose

**Bulb syringe:**

- Suction mouth first, then nose  
("m" before "n")

**No bulb syringe:**

- Clear secretions with clean, dry cloth

No deep suctioning with bulb syringe or catheter!

**Bradycardia (slowing of the heart rate) can result from deep suctioning**





# Drying the Infant

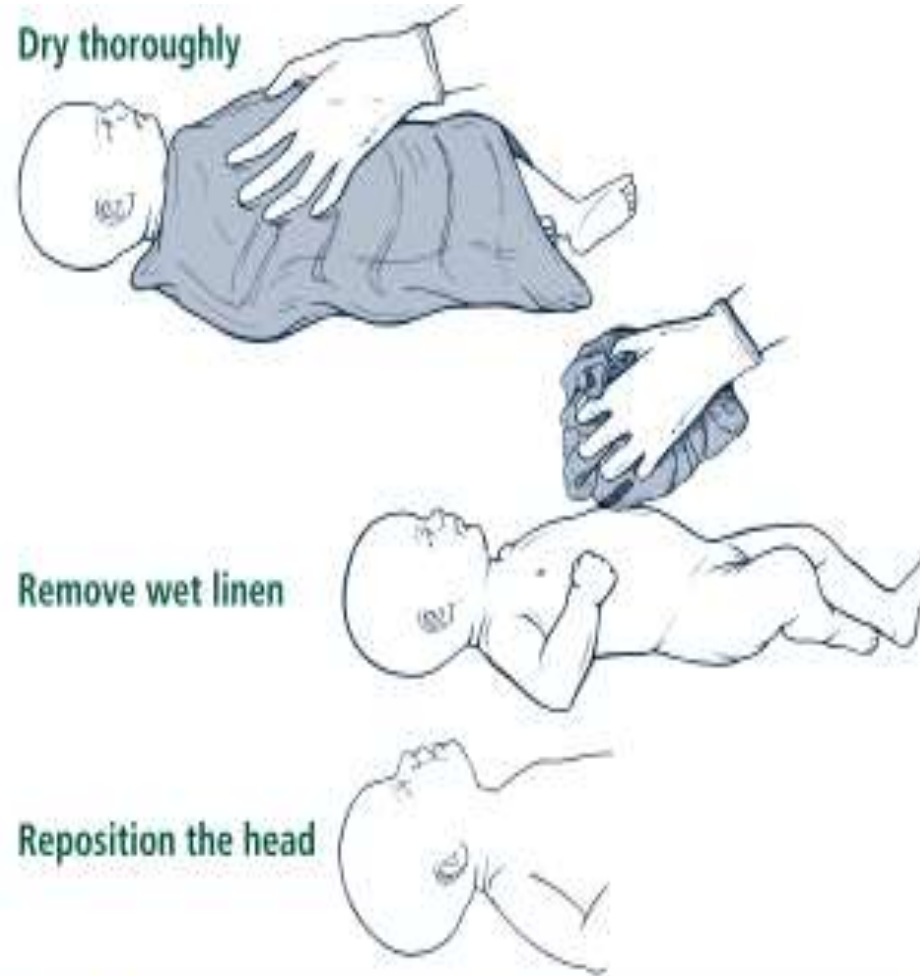
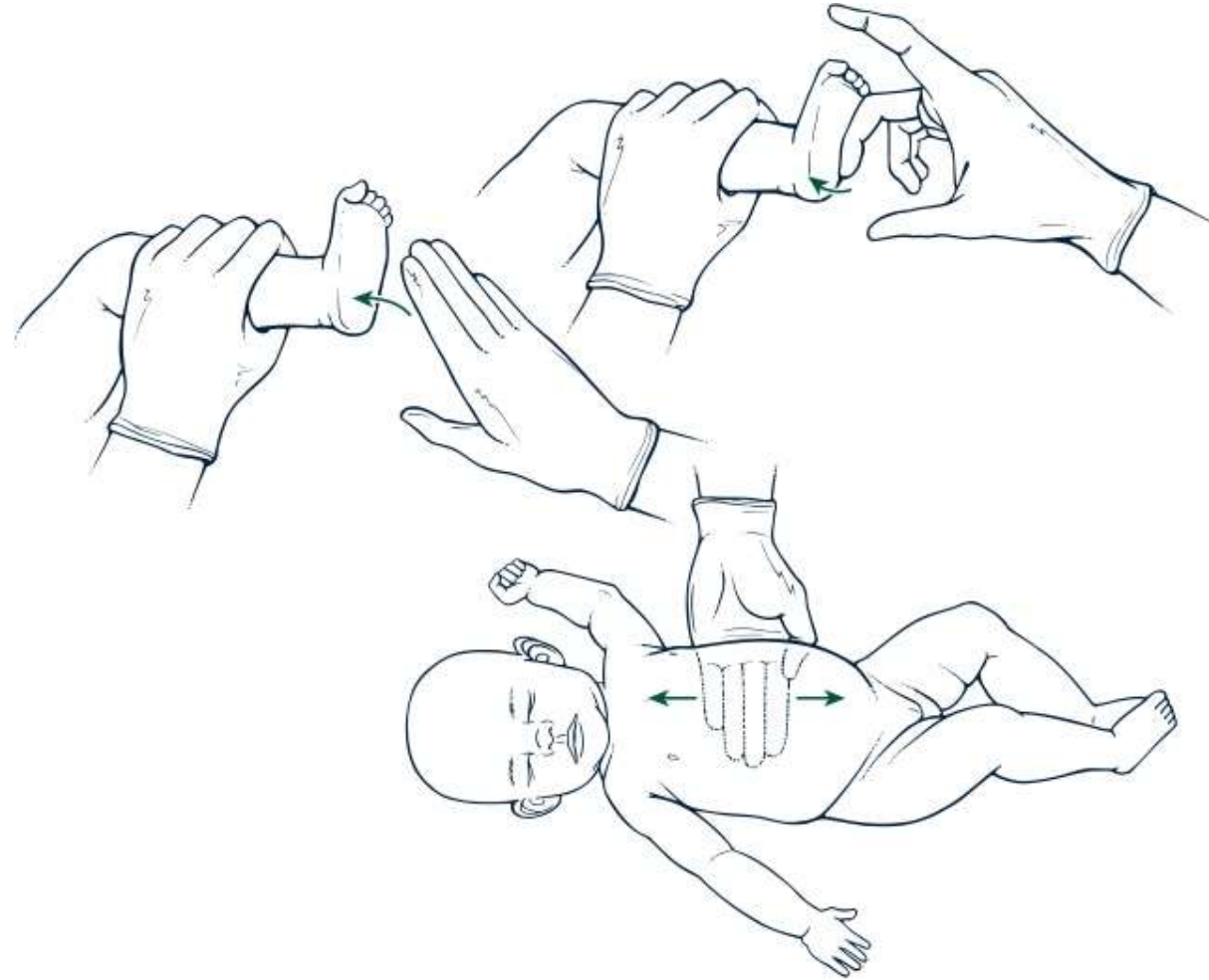


Figure 2.6. Drying and removing wet linen to prevent heat loss and repositioning the head to ensure an open airway

# Tactile Stimulation

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# How to Prioritize Actions

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Evaluation is based on:

- Respirations (breathing/crying)
- Heart rate
- Color



# Evaluate Respirations

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## YES

- Unlabored breathing/crying
- Listen with stethoscope

## NO

- If shallow breathing, gasping, or not breathing at all, give positive-pressure ventilation

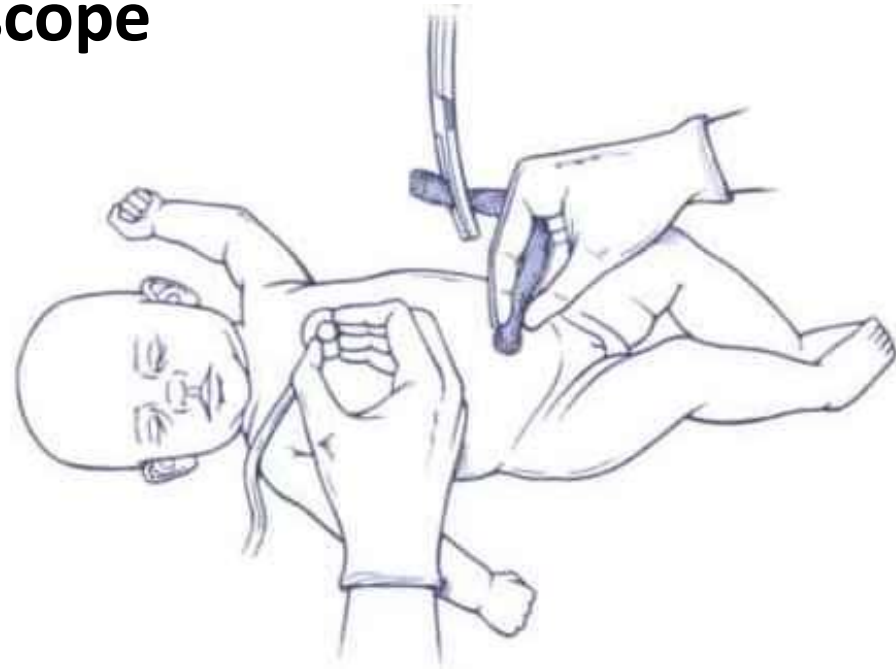
# Evaluate Heart Rate

- Feel pulse at base of umbilical cord or listen with stethoscope
- Count for 6 seconds and multiply by 10

Example:

If you counted 13  
pulsations in 6 seconds the  
baby's heart rate would be  
 $13 \times 10 = 130$

- Heart rate  $<100$  requires positive-pressure ventilation



# Evaluate Color

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- **Peripheral cyanosis (a bluish color):**
  - Bluish color of hands and feet
  - Requires no further action
- **Central cyanosis:**
  - Bluish color of the trunk and limbs
  - Bluish color of lips and gums
  - Use free-flow oxygen, if available, or positive-pressure ventilation

# Free-flow Oxygen

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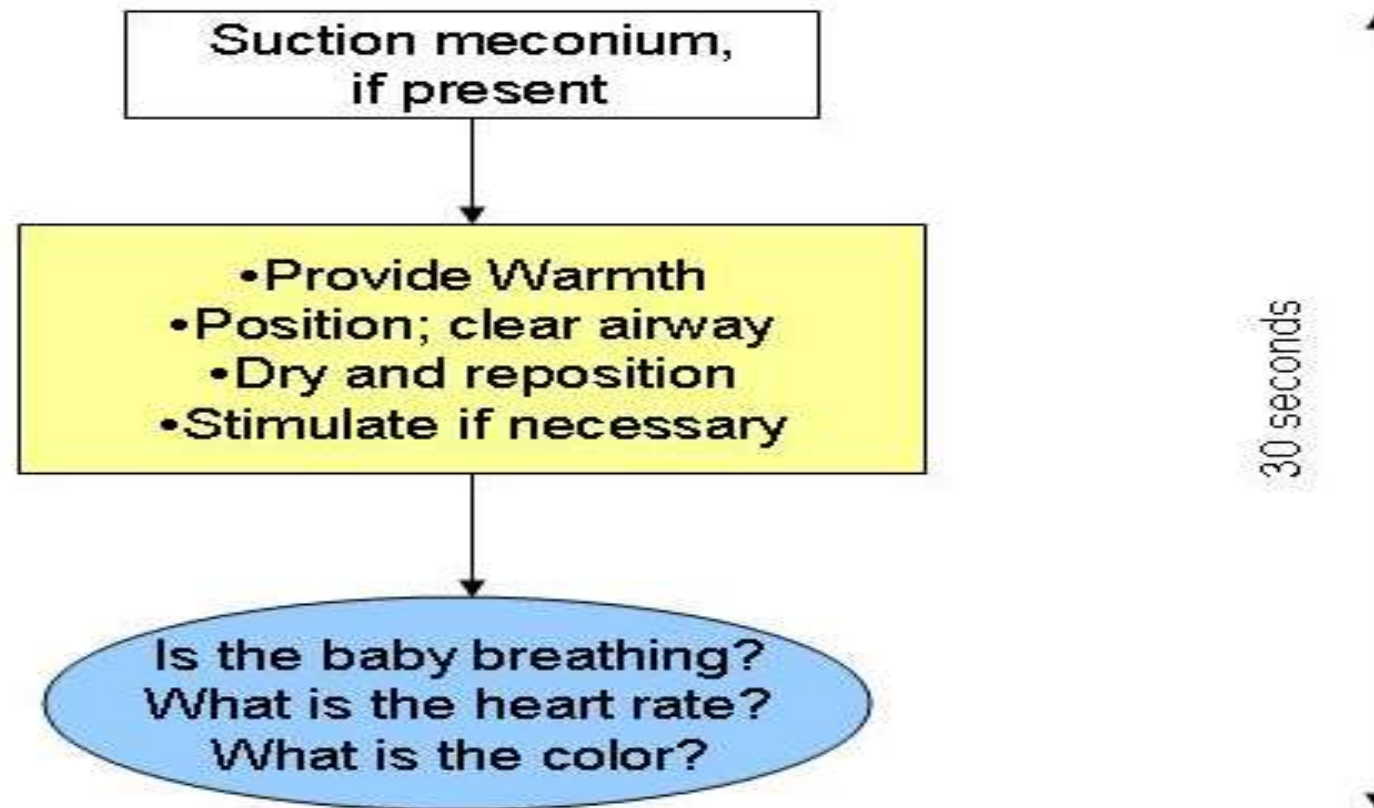
- If the infant is breathing but there is persistent central cyanosis, give free-flow oxygen.
- Flow rate at approximately 5-10 L/min
- If not available, use positive-pressure (bag-and-mask) ventilation





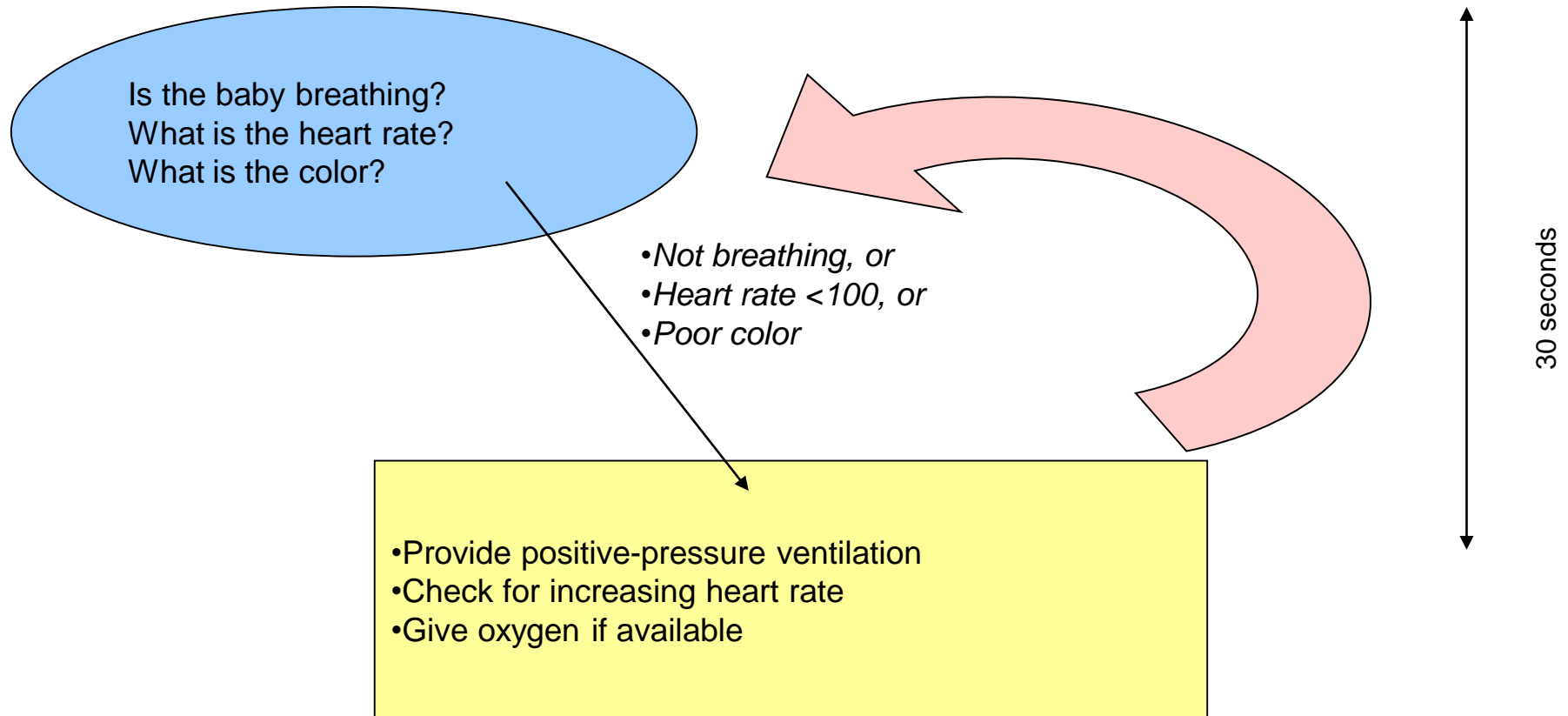
# Newborn Resuscitation Flowchart

## Initial Steps



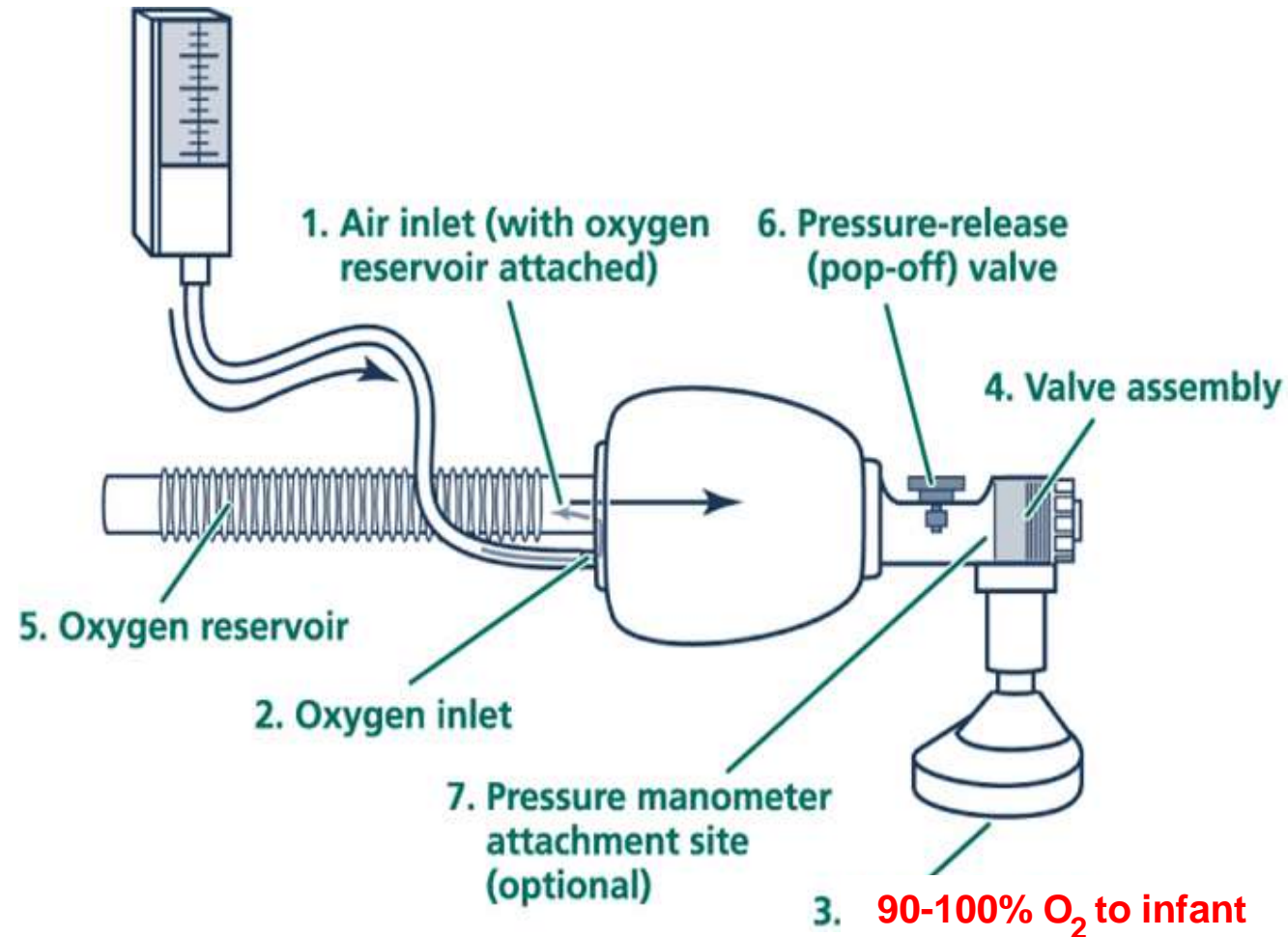


# If the evaluation is NOT normal

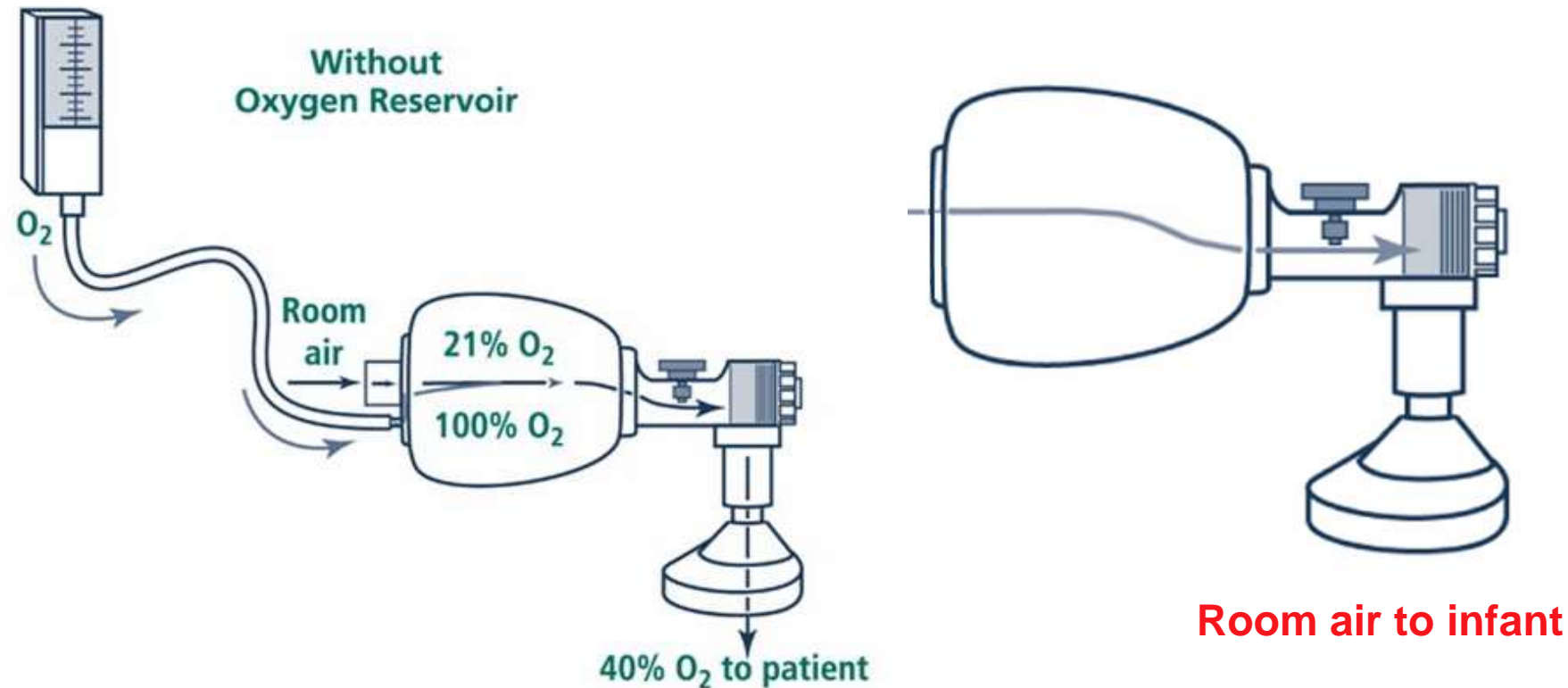


***Ventilation of the lungs is the single most important and effective step of resuscitation.***

# Basic Parts of Bag and Mask



# Room air may be used for resuscitation



# Face Mask Placement

**Correct:** Covers mouth, nose, and chin

## Incorrect:

**Too large - covers eyes and extends over chin**

**Too small - does not cover nose and mouth**



**Correct**  
Covers mouth, nose, and chin but not eyes



**Incorrect**  
Too large: covers eyes and extends over chin



**Incorrect**  
Too small: does not cover nose and mouth well

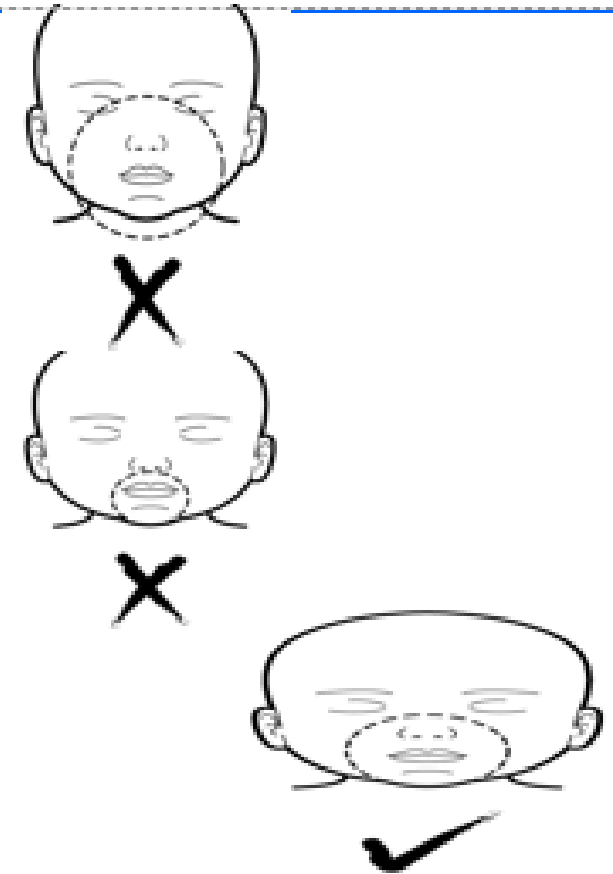
# Face Mask Placement

## ❑ Fitting a face mask:

- A face mask that is too LARGE
  - Covers the eyes
  - Extends over the tip of the chin
- A face mask that is too SMALL
  - Does not cover the nose
  - Does not cover the mouth effectively

## ❑ Use the CORRECT size face mask that covers:

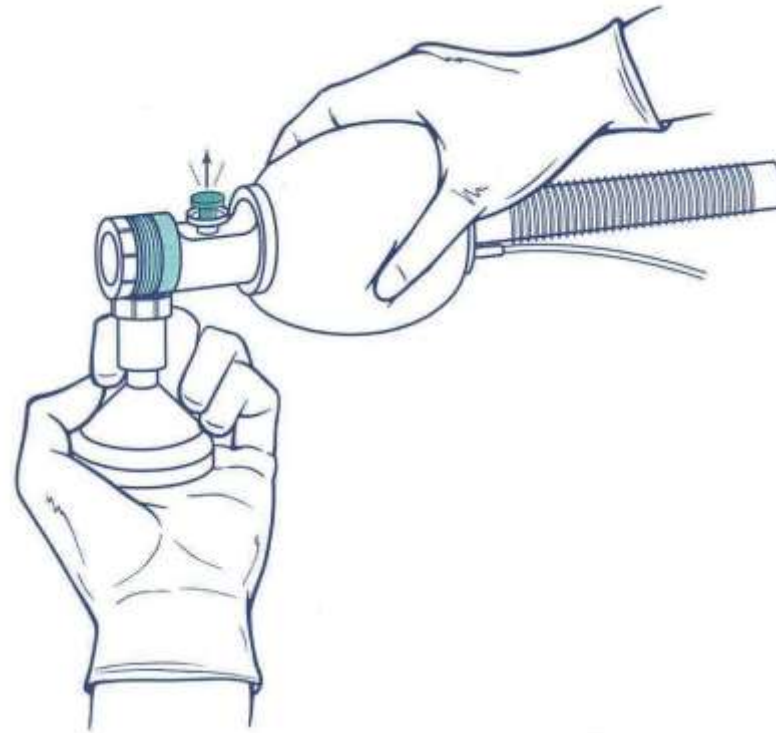
- The nose
- The mouth
- The tip of the chin but not the eyes



# Testing Bag and Mask

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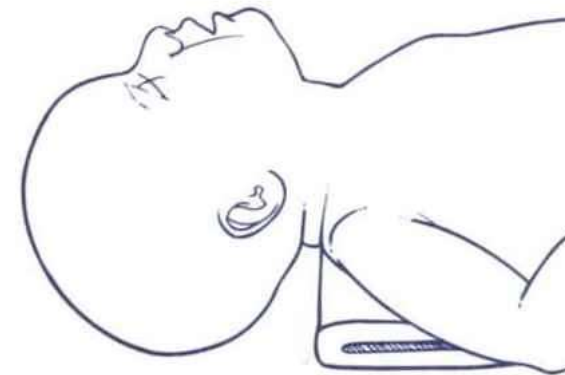
- Pressure against your hand?
- Pressure-release valve opens?



# Face Mask Placement

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- **Correct Positioning:**  
**Cover mouth, nose,**  
**and tip of chin, but**  
**not the eyes**
- **Correct position for**  
**assisted ventilation**

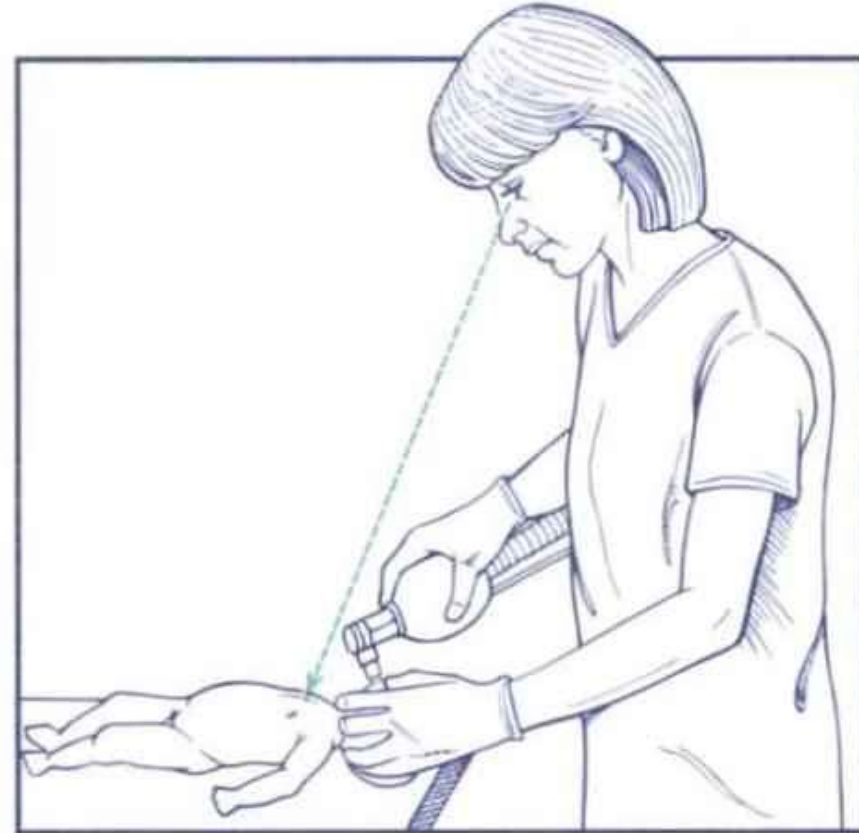




# Preparing for Positive Pressure Ventilation

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- Select correct-sized mask
- Clear airway
- Position head
- Position yourself at side or head of baby

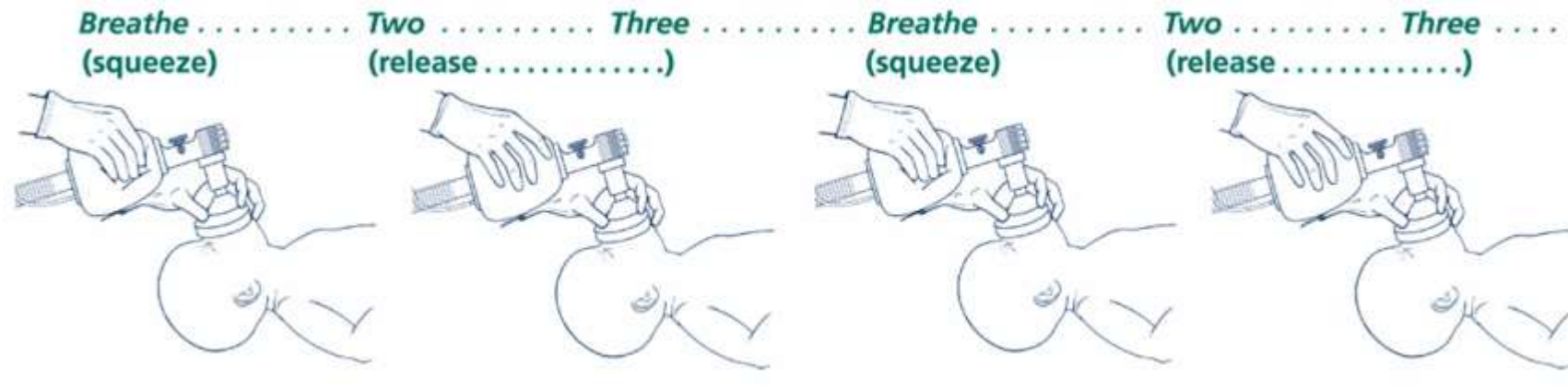




# How often should you squeeze the bag?

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40-60 breaths per minute  
Count out loud: “Breathe—two—three”



# Signs of Improvement

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1. Increasing Heart Rate (>100)
2. Improving color
3. Spontaneous breathing or crying
4. Improving muscle tone

# Inadequate Chest Expansion

PROBLEM	ACTION
Inadequate seal	Reapply mask to face, check size,
Blocked Airway	Reposition head
	Check for secretions and suction if present
Not enough pressure	Ventilate with newborn's mouth slightly open
Malfunctioning equipment	Increase pressure until there is an easy rise and fall of the chest


- Start compression - If heart rate  $< 60$ / min
  - Continue ventilation with bag
  - make sure the chest is moving adequately
  - every 1-2 min stop & see if the pulse or breathing has improved
  - stop compression once the HR  $> 100$ / min
  - stop bagging when respiratory rate  $> 30$  / min
  - continue oxygen until pink and active

- ❖ 90 compression coordinated with 30 breath /min ( **3 compression 1 breath** every 2 second
- ❖ place thumbs just below the line **connecting the nipples on the sternum**
- ❖ compress ***1/3 the A-P diameter*** of the chest

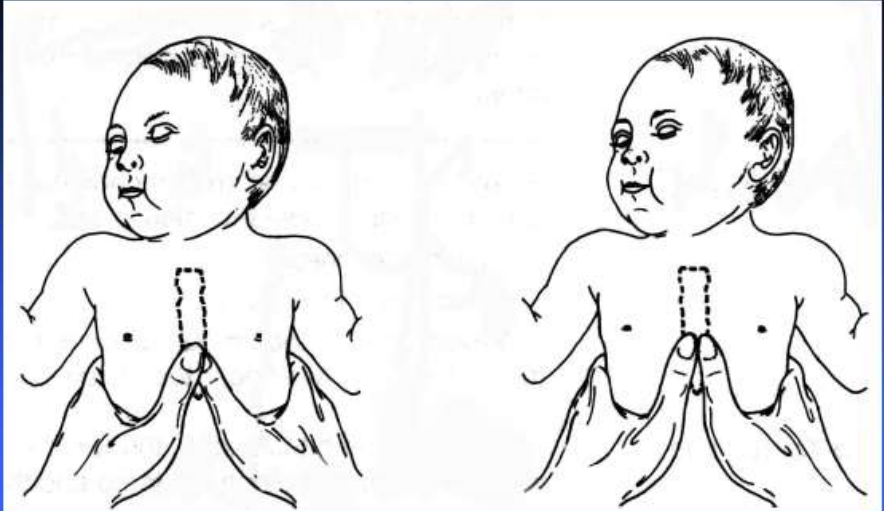
### Indications for Compressions

- Heart rate <60 bpm after 30sec of PPV
- Coordinate with ventilation
  - 4 events in 2 seconds
  - 90 compressions and 30 breaths per minute

One and Two and Three and Breathe



### Compressions



2 thumb technique preferred

# Medications:

## Epinephrine

- Indication: Heart rate <60 after 30 sec of *coordinated ventilation and compressions*
- 1:10,000 (0.1mg/ml)
- Route: IV
- 0.1-0.3 ml/kg
  - 1ml → Term
  - 0.5ml → Preterm
  - 0.25ml → Extreme preterm

# When to stop ventilating

## Care after resuscitation

### When to stop ventilating

- If baby is crying;
- If breathing  $>30/\text{min}$ , and
- NO chest in-drawing:
  - ❖ If after 20 minutes of resuscitation the baby is not breathing and pulse is absent explain to the mother that the baby has died

- Keep the baby warm
- Monitor every 15 minutes
- Start breastfeeding as soon as possible
- Do not separate the mother and baby unless the baby has difficult breathing

# Common neonatal problems

- Hypothermia
- Hypoglycaemia
- Neonatal sepsis
- Jaundice
- Birth asphyxia
- Low birth weight & prematurity



# Thermal protection of the newborn

- **Thermal protection** is the **series of measures** taken **at birth** and during the first days of life.
- **To** ensure that the newborn baby does not become either too *cold (hypothermia) or too hot (hyperthermia)* and maintains a normal body temperature.

# Thermal protection ...

- Newborn babies cool down or heat up much quicker than adults because they **cannot regulate body temperature** as desired
- In general, newborns **need a warmer environment** than adults
- A naked newborn exposed to a room temperature of 23°C suffers the same heat loss as a naked adult does at 0°C

# Thermal protection ...

- The neonate has a **large surface area** for small body mass, and its heat loss is relatively greater
- At birth, the skin and core temperatures of the baby fall by 0.1 and 0.3°C/minute respectively.
- This is equivalent to **loss of 200 Kcal per kilogram body weight per minute**

# Mechanism of heat loss

## 1. Convection:

- Heat is lost from the skin to moving air

## 2. Conduction:

- If a body is in contact with another solid body

## 3. Radiation:

- It is the transfer of heat between objects of higher temperature to the next solid object of lower temperature

# Mechanism of ...

## 4. Evaporation:

- ❖ This is a major source of heat loss in a newborn baby immediately after birth and while giving bath
- ❖ A baby loses as much heat when water is evaporated from his skin, same as evaporation from boiling water
- ❖ Large surface area of contact, greater wind velocity and most important thinner stratum corneum of the baby are associated with higher evaporative heat loss

# Mechanism of heat loss and production....



A. Conduction



B. Convection



C. Evaporation



D. Radiation

# Mechanism of heat production

## 1. Muscular activity:

- Increased muscular activity during restlessness & crying
- Conservation of heat by assuming flexed position

## 2. Metabolic thermogenesis

**Brown fat**



# ... heat production

## ❑ The role of CNS in metabolic thermogenesis

- Cold skin → afferent neurons → heat regulating center in the anterior hypothalamic area → neurogenic efferent pathway → brown fat → trigger the local release of noradrenalin so that triglycerides are oxidized to glycerol & fatty acids
- The blood level of glycerol rises but fatty acids are locally consumed for the generation of heat

# ... heat production

## □ Effective metabolic thermogenesis demands:

- Integrity of CNS pathways
- Adequacy of brown fat
- Availability of glucose & oxygen
- Normal birth weight & term gestational age

# Optimal thermal environment

- Heat loss can be minimized by keeping infants in neutral-thermal environment
- **Thermo-neutral environment**: the narrow range of environmental temperature at which a given baby can maintain normal body temperature
- A fall in the environmental temperature by  $2^{\circ}\text{C}$  below the neutral range can trigger infant's metabolic machinery to generate 25% of additional heat

# Thermo-neutral environment

Age	Weight in gram			
	<1,200	1,200-1,500	1,501-2,500	>2,500
1 <sup>st</sup> day	35.0 $\pm$ 0.5	34.3 $\pm$ 0.5	33.4 $\pm$ 1.0	33.0 $\pm$ 1.0
2 <sup>nd</sup> day	34.5 $\pm$ 0.5	33.7 $\pm$ 0.5	32.7 $\pm$ 1.0	32.2 $\pm$ 1.0
3 <sup>rd</sup> day	34.0 $\pm$ 0.5	33.5 $\pm$ 0.5	33.0 $\pm$ 1.0	32.0 $\pm$ 1.0
4 <sup>th</sup> day	33.5 $\pm$ 0.5	32.8 $\pm$ 0.5	32.2 $\pm$ 1.0	31.5 $\pm$ 1.0

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# Thermo-neutral ...

- The environmental temperature at which the metabolic response becomes necessary is called **critical temperature**
- Hypothermia is caused more by **lack of knowledge** rather than lack of equipment
- Hypothermia can be prevented by strictly following **the warm chain system.**

# Warm chain system

- It is a system of keeping a baby in a thermo-neutral environment,
- immediately after delivery,
- in the delivery room, postpartum ward,
- during transportation and
- while nursing the baby at home

# Warm chain system ...

- **Components**

1. Immediate drying
2. Warm resuscitation
3. Skin-to-skin contact with the mother
4. Immediate initiation of breast-feeding
5. Bathing & weighting postponed
6. Appropriate clothing & bedding
7. Warm transportation



# Hypothermia

- **Hypothermia** in a newborn baby is defined as skin temperature of  $<36.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  or core temperature of  $<35.5^{\circ}\text{C}$
- **Classification**
  1. Mild hypothermia (cold stress):  $36-36.4^{\circ}\text{C}$
  2. Moderate hypothermia:  $32-35.9^{\circ}\text{C}$
  3. Severe hypothermia (neonatal cold injury): less than  $32^{\circ}\text{C}$

# Causes of hypothermia

- Cold environment
- Wet or naked baby
- During transportation
- Bath too early
- Deficiency of brown fat
- Problems in CNS pathway
- Relatively large surface area,
- Inability to reduce the effective surface area by assuming flexed posture

# Core S/S of hypothermia

- Acrocyanosis
- Cold extremities
- Lethargy, Poor feeding, Apnoea & bradycardia
- Hypoglycaemia
- Metabolic acidosis
- Hypoxia
- Tachypnea
- Respiratory distress

# Management of hypothermia

## ☐ Warm the baby:

- ❖ Warming using the Kangaroo Mother Care system (KMC)
- ❖ Warming in an open care
- ❖ Warming in an incubator

## ☐ Treat hypoglycemia & hypoxia

## ☐ Other symptomatic treatments

# ***Hypoglycemia***

- is defined as blood glucose concentration **< 40mg/dl** (irrespective of gestational age and day of life).

## *Emergency management of hypoglycemia*

- ❖ If the child is able to drink → give the child therapeutic milk, 50ml glucose 10% glucose, or 50ml of drinking water plus 10g sugar.
- ❖ If the child is unconscious or has convulsion → 5ml/kg 10% glucose by IV or NGT

# ***Hypoglycemia***

- ❖ Continue frequent feeding
- ❖ Treat infection

## **Prevent Hypoglycemia**

- By initiation of early breast feeding
- Frequent small feeds (day and night)

# Neonatal jaundice

❑ **Jaundice-** Is yellowish discoloration of the skin, sclera, mucous membranes , nails and body fluids due to hyperbilirubinaemia

❑ **Hyperbilirubinemia**

➤ Is an excessive level of accumulated bilirubin in the blood and is characterized by jaundice

# Types of jaundice

## 1. Physiological jaundice

- ❖ Appears after *24 hours* usually b/n 48-72 hours of age usually
- ❖ Serum level less than 15 mg / dl
- ❖ Clinically *not detectable after 14* days
- ❖ Does *not extend to palms and soles, &*
- ❖ *Disappears without any treatment*

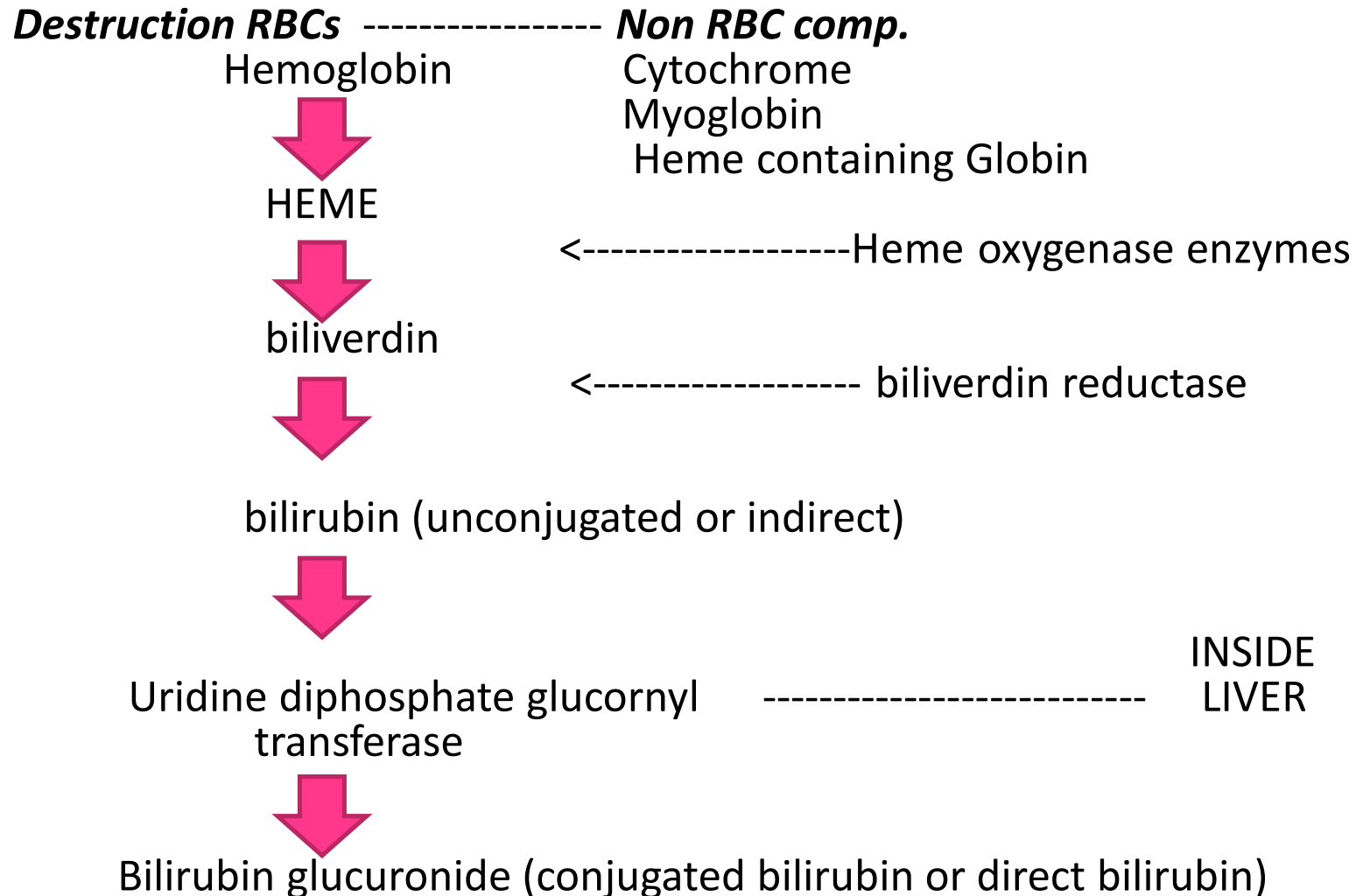


# Types of jaundice

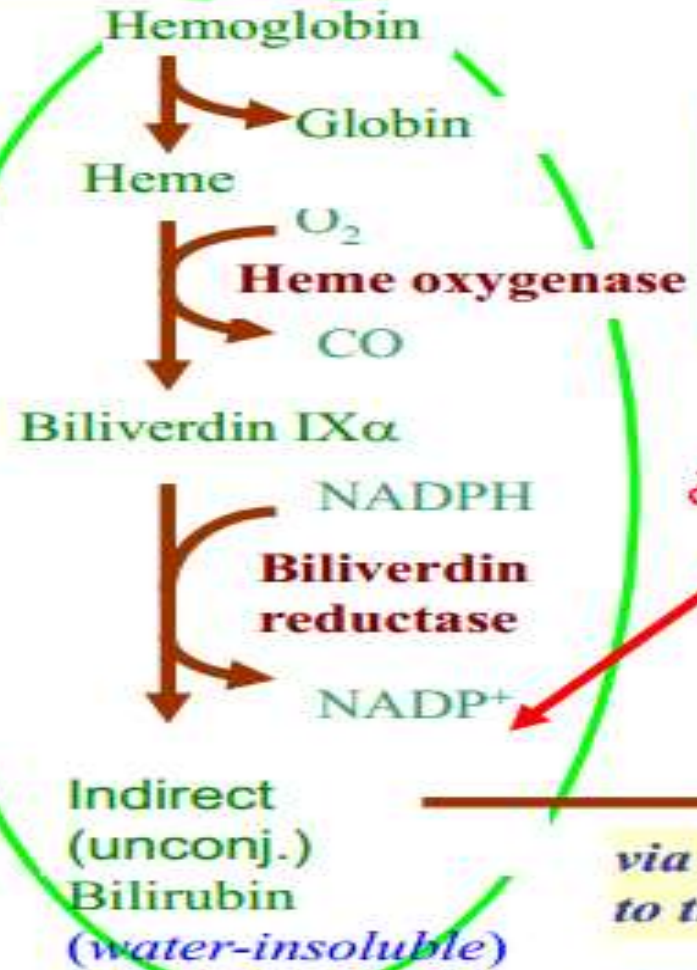
## ***2. Pathologic jaundice***

- ❖ Occurs within 24hrs of birth and persists beyond 14 days age
- ❖ Serum bilirubin > 15 mg / dl
- ❖ The unconjugated and/or conjugated fractions of bilirubin are ↑sed
- ❖ Extends to palms and soles and
- ❖ Requires urgent attention

## Neonatal bilirubin metabolism



## BLOOD CELLS



**Stercobilin  
excreted in feces**

Urobilinogen  
formed by bacteria

**INTESTINE**

**Urobilin  
excreted in urine**

**KIDNEY**

*reabsorbed  
into blood*

*via bile duct to intestines*

Bilirubin diglucuronide  
(water-soluble)

2 UDP-glucuronic acid

Bilirubin  
(water-insoluble) **LIVER**

*via blood  
to the liver*

*glucoro  
nidase*

**Catabolism of hemoglobin**

# Mechanism of neonatal jaundice

- 1. Increased bilirubin load – due to high hemoglobin concentration
  - ❖ The normal newborn infants
  - ❖ Hemolysis
  - ❖ Cephalohematoma or bruising , polycythemia
- 2. Problem in bilirubin conjugation
  - ❖ Decreased UGT(uridine glucuronyl activity)
  - ❖ Deficiency UGT enzyme
- 3. Defective bilirubin excretion

# Types of bilirubin

- I. Unconjugated bilirubin(indirect)

- Binds to albumin
- Fat soluble
- Can cross blood brain barrier
- Toxic in high level to brain

- II. *Conjugated bilirubin(Direct )*

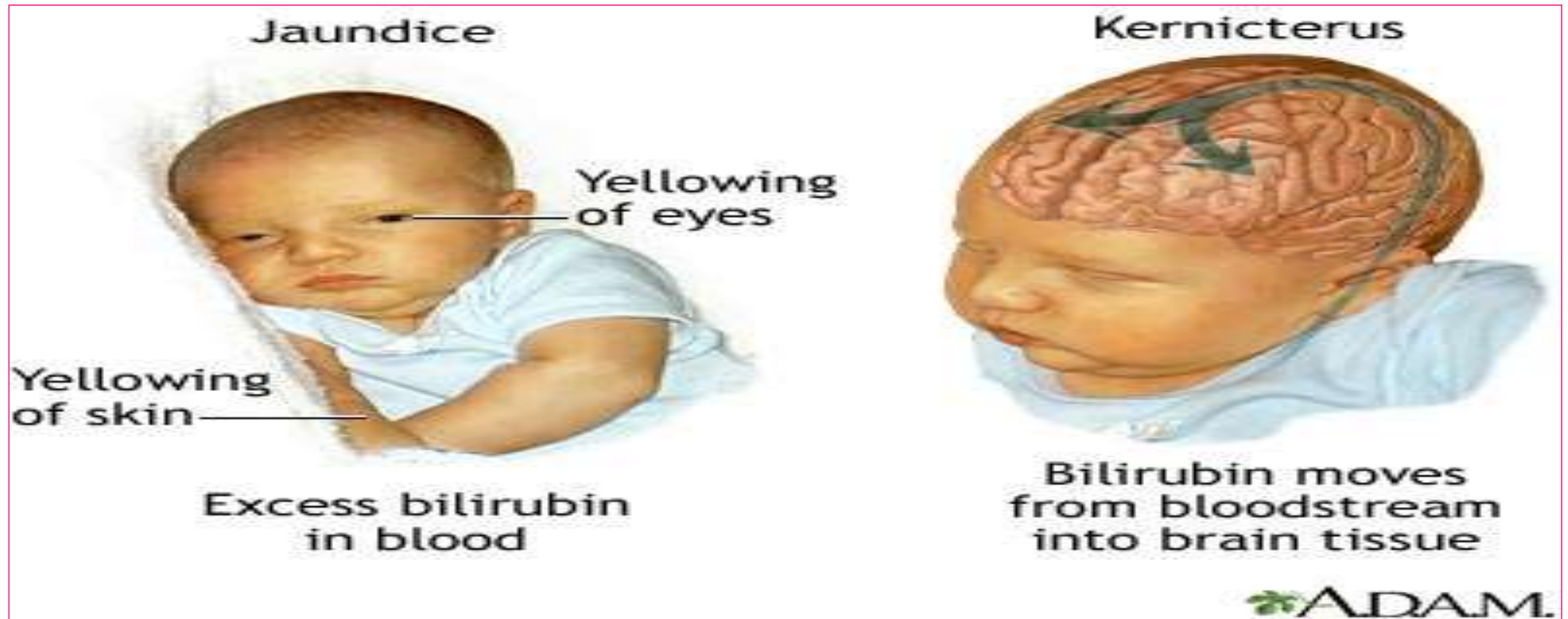
- Conjugated with glucuronic acid
- Water soluble
- Excreted in urine & stool
- Non toxic

# Investigations

- Bilirubin measurement
- CBC
- Hgb
- Blood group & RH factor



# Clinical Manifestation



# Treatment

## ☐ Phototherapy



☐ **Exchange transfusion:** if the bilirubin level is highly elevated

☐ **Antibiotics**

☐ **Anti-malarias**



# Neonatal sepsis

- **Sepsis:** any *systemic bacterial infection* in the first 28 days of life documented by a positive culture
- **ETIOLOGY** – Escherchia coli, GBS, Listeria monocytogenes
- Others include s.pneumonia, klebsiella, pseudomonas aeruginosa..

# Classification

## **I. According to the time of onset:**

1. **Early onset neonatal sepsis (EONS):** from birth to 120 hours (5 days)
2. **Late onset neonatal sepsis (LONS):** after 5 days to 2 months

## **II. According to culture result:**

1. **Proved or confirmed sepsis:** clinical findings with positive culture
2. **Suspected or probable sepsis:** sign & symptom of sepsis but negative culture

# Classification ...

## III. According to the severity of sepsis (staging)

### 1. Systemic inflammatory response syndrome (SIRS)

- **Characteristics**

- ✓ Temperature  $\geq 37.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  or  $\leq 36.5^{\circ}\text{C}$
- ✓ AHB  $\geq 160$  beats/minute
- ✓ RR  $\geq 60$ /minute
- ✓ WBC  $\geq 20 \times 10^3$  & Increased ESR

### 2. Sepsis: SIRS + positive culture

# Classification ...

## 3. Grave sepsis or septicemia:

- ❖ Sepsis + serious S/S of sepsis like:
- ❖ Metabolic disorder (acidosis, persistent hypoglycemia, etc. )
- ❖ Fluid & electrolyte imbalance
- ❖ Neurological impairment
- ❖ Poor perfusion
- ❖ Bleeding disorder (anemia, thrombocytopenia, pancytopenia, DIC, etc

# Classification ...

- 4. **Septic shock:** grave sepsis (septicemia) + hypotension or shock associated with organ dysfunction (could respond to proper therapy)
- 5. **Overwhelming sepsis:** septic shock + multiple organ failure which does not respond to any therapy

# Early Onset Neonatal Sepsis (EONS)

- EONS is caused by organisms prevalent in the *maternal genital tract* or in the labor room and maternity operation theatre
- In developing countries most cases are due to E coli, GBS, Klebsiella, group D and other Entrobacter species

# EONS-risk factors

- Gestational age: more in *premature* neonates but does not exclude term neonates
- Birth weight: more common in *LBW*, *VLBW*, *ELBW* but does not exclude normal weights or overweights
- Prenatal maternal history: fever, vaginosis, UTI, etc
- Perinatal conditions: lots of manipulation, prolonged labor, etc
- Chorioamnionitis

# EONS- sign & symptoms

- ❖ Hypothermia or hyperthermia
- ❖ Hypoglycemia
- ❖ Failure to suck
- ❖ Respiratory distress, apnoea, cyanotic episodes
- ❖ Unexplained jaundice
- ❖ Skin rashes
- ❖ Seizure, and in severe cases bleeding disorders



# Investigations

- ❖ Ward routine: blood group, RH factor, blood glucose, Hct, Hgb
- ❖ CBC with differentials (specially absolute neutrophil count)
- ❖ Blood culture
- ❖ Chest X-ray
- ❖ Electrolytes & blood gas

# Management

## 1. General management:

- Maintenance of normal body  $T^0$  (kangaroo mother care).
- Oxygen administration
- Careful regulation of fluids, electrolyte or acid-base imbalance.
- Blood transfusion may be needed to correct anemia, and shock.

# Management ...

## 2. Antibiotics

### □ Indications

- Any neonate with risk factors & clinical features of sepsis

### □ **Initially:** 1<sup>st</sup> line antibiotics (GBS, E. Coli, Listeria)

- Ampicillin 100 to 200mg/kg/dose every 12 hours
- Gentamycin 3 to 7.5mg/kg/d in two divided doses

# Antibiotics ...

- ❑ **After 24 hours:** review clinical progress & microbiology results
  - a. If cultures negative, consider stopping therapy
  - b. *Continue therapy* if cultures positive or sepsis very likely
  - c. Add **Metronidazole** if suspicion of anaerobic infection (e.g. Intra-abdominal sepsis, NEC)
  - d. Consider **Vancomycin** for Coagulase negative Staphylococcal sepsis, especially if neonate is very sick
  - e. Change to **Cefotaxime** if there is neonatal meningitis

# Antibiotics ...

Infection type	Duration (days) of therapy
Pneumonia	5-7
Septicemia	7-10
UTI	7-10
Meningitis	14-21
Skin conditions	5-14
Conjunctivitis	5-7
Oral thrush	7-10

# Consecutive follow up

- ❖ Record daily progress of S/S
- ❖ Control temperature
- ❖ Control fluid and electrolyte balance
- ❖ Monitor input & output, weight, glycaemia
- ❖ Control Hct
- ❖ Oral feeding

# Late Onset Neonatal Sepsis (LONS)

- **Types**

1. Community acquired infections
2. Hospital acquired infections

- **Causes**

- S. aureus ,GBS, gram negatives like E. Coli & Klebsiella, Streptococcus pneumonia, Neisseria meningitides, Listeria, Candida albicans, etc

# Common presenting clinical diseases

- Acute gastro enteritis (AGI)
- Pneumonia
- Skin infection
- Meningitis
- UTI



# Investigations

- CBC with ESR
- Blood culture
- CSF analysis
- According to the clinical presentation: gram stain of different specimen (urine, stool, CSF, pus or other fluid)
- According to onset or clinical stage: blood gas analysis, BUN and creatinine, LFT , and electrolytes

# Management

- General management and follow up are the same as EONS
- Specific management depends on:
  - ✓ Culture & sensitivity result
  - ✓ Condition of the neonate
- All suspected cases of meningitis should be treated with high dose of proper antibiotics
- If there are skin infections, start *cloxacillin* immediately
- If the neonate looks critical, treat with 2<sup>nd</sup> line antibiotics

# Assignment 1

Read and take note about

*I. LBW & prematurity*

*– The cause, characteristics & nursing care*

*II. Organization of NICU*



***Thank you so much!***

